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# ANOTHER POCKET BATTLESHIP AT LARGE?

## ADMIRAL SCHEER REPORTED OFF SOUTH AMERICA

London, To-day.

UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY were stirred into Christmas Day activity by two dramatic reports yesterday.

One report came from South America and announced that the German pocket-battleship, Admiral Scheer, had been sighted off the Colombian coast.

The other, in the form of dramatic wireless messages from the steamer attacked, concerned the pursuit of an Elder Dempster liner by a German submarine in the vicinity of the Azores.

The Admiral Scheer report was received from missionaries in a remote region of the Colombian coast, stating that the warship was sighted close inshore, probably just outside territorial waters.

### DISAPPEARS

It is thought possible that she was seeking a rendezvous with a supply ship from Mexico.

The Colombian authorities sent out a vessel to investigate, but this was some hours afterwards and when the

area indicated was reached the warship had disappeared.

### LINER CHASED

The Elder Dempster liner of 3,750 tons, sent out radio messages from a point north of the Azores stating that she was being pursued by a German U-boat.

The last report received indicated that shellfire had been exchanged between the merchantman and the submarine and that the pursuit was continuing.

Meantime, an Admiralty communiqué places British and neutral shipping losses during last week at 17,400 tons, including 10 British ships with a total of about 7,000 tons. German losses in the same period include that of the 32,000-ton liner Columbus.—*Reuter.*

## XMAS DAY PRISON MUTINY

London, To-day.

A five-hour mutiny occurred on Christmas Day in Londonderry Gaol, where 60 men are being interned as Republican suspects for the duration of the war.

The mutineers overpowered the warders and maintained a siege of part of the prison.

They fired bedding, smashed furniture, sang Republican songs and shouted slogans to crowds in the streets, some of whom prayed and repeated the Litany.

Police with drawn revolvers finally burst through the doors, which were previously burned by plumbers with acetylene torches.

The prisoners made a final stand in the cells, armed with bottles and boards, until eventually overpowered.—*Reuter.*

## KRONSTADT NAVAL BASE DAMAGED

Leningrad, To-day.

The Soviet naval base at Kronstadt was severely damaged by the fire of Finnish batteries in the first days of the war, says a Finnish claim.

So effective were the Finnish guns that fires were observed raging four days afterwards.

One reason why the Red cruiser Kirov was sent to Tallinn to be repaired, after being hit by Finnish coastal guns was that Kronstadt was too badly damaged to deal with her.—*Reuter.*

## THAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

London, To-day.

It is reliably learned that when the steamer Scotia was torpedoed in the North Sea the Danish ship Hafnia attempted to rescue the crew, but a voice from the U-boat ordered them to steam away, saying that if they effected a rescue they would also be torpedoed.—*Reuter.*

## R.A.F. ON QUI VIVE IN FRANCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

DUTY WATCHES WERE MAINTAINED BY ALL R.A.F. UNITS IN FRANCE THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES, BUT MANY MEN WERE ABLE TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THEIR BILLETTS, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE R.A.F.

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## CHRISTMAS DAY OF AIR RAIDS

Helsinki, To-day.

Helsinki spent an anxious Christmas Day, and the inhabitants stayed in air raid shelters for hours as alarm after alarm was sounded.

The first siren went shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning, and was followed by repeated alarms throughout the day.

The Red planes apparently only succeeded in reaching the suburbs of the capital, and no bombs were dropped.

It is reported, however, that Viborg was raided.—*Reuter.*

### HUNDREDS OF PLANES

Helsinki, To-day.

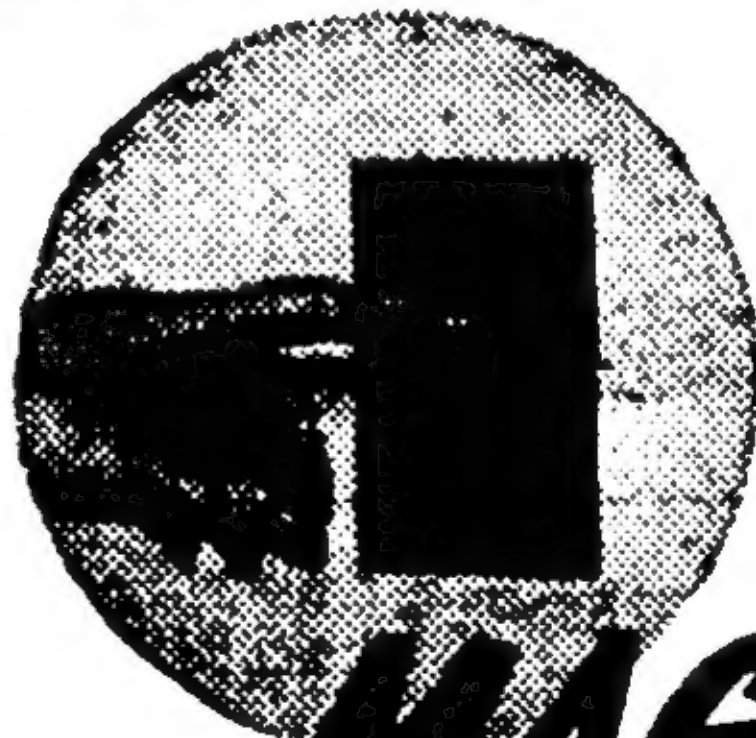
Hundreds of Soviet planes flew over Finland yesterday and dropped bombs in several places.

Helsinki had two alarms in the morning but it is not yet known whether bombs were dropped on the city and neighbourhood or merely leaflets.—*Reuter.*

cinema behind the lines at a concert broadcast by the B.B.C.

The audience joined in the singing of old war songs and concluded with Christmas carols.—*Reuter.*

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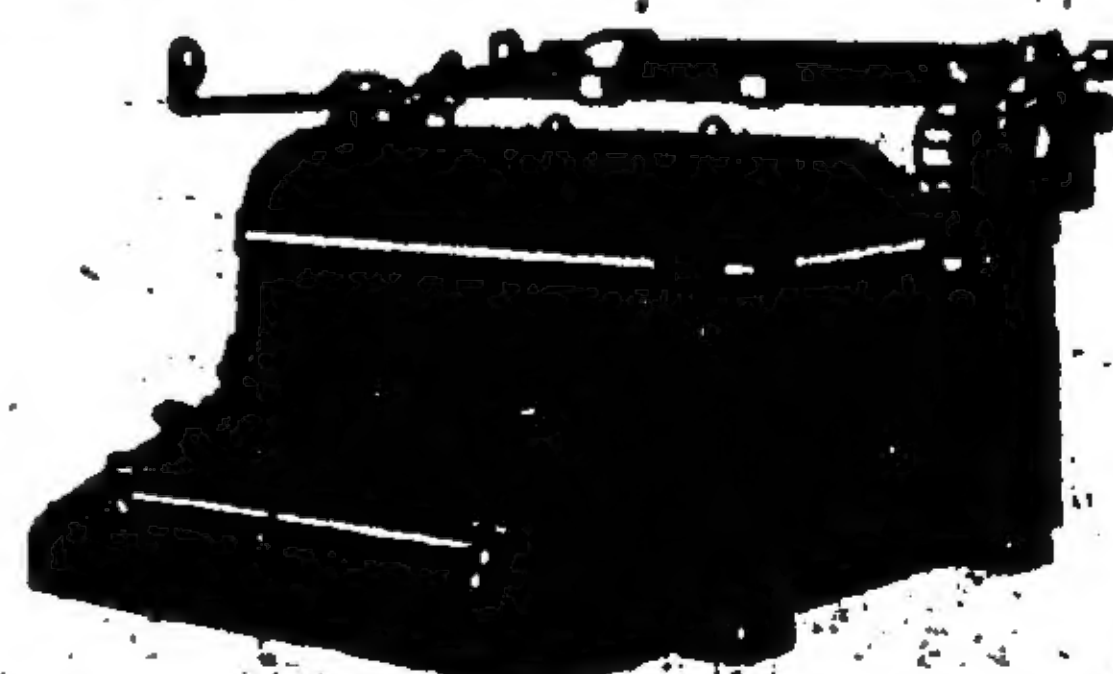
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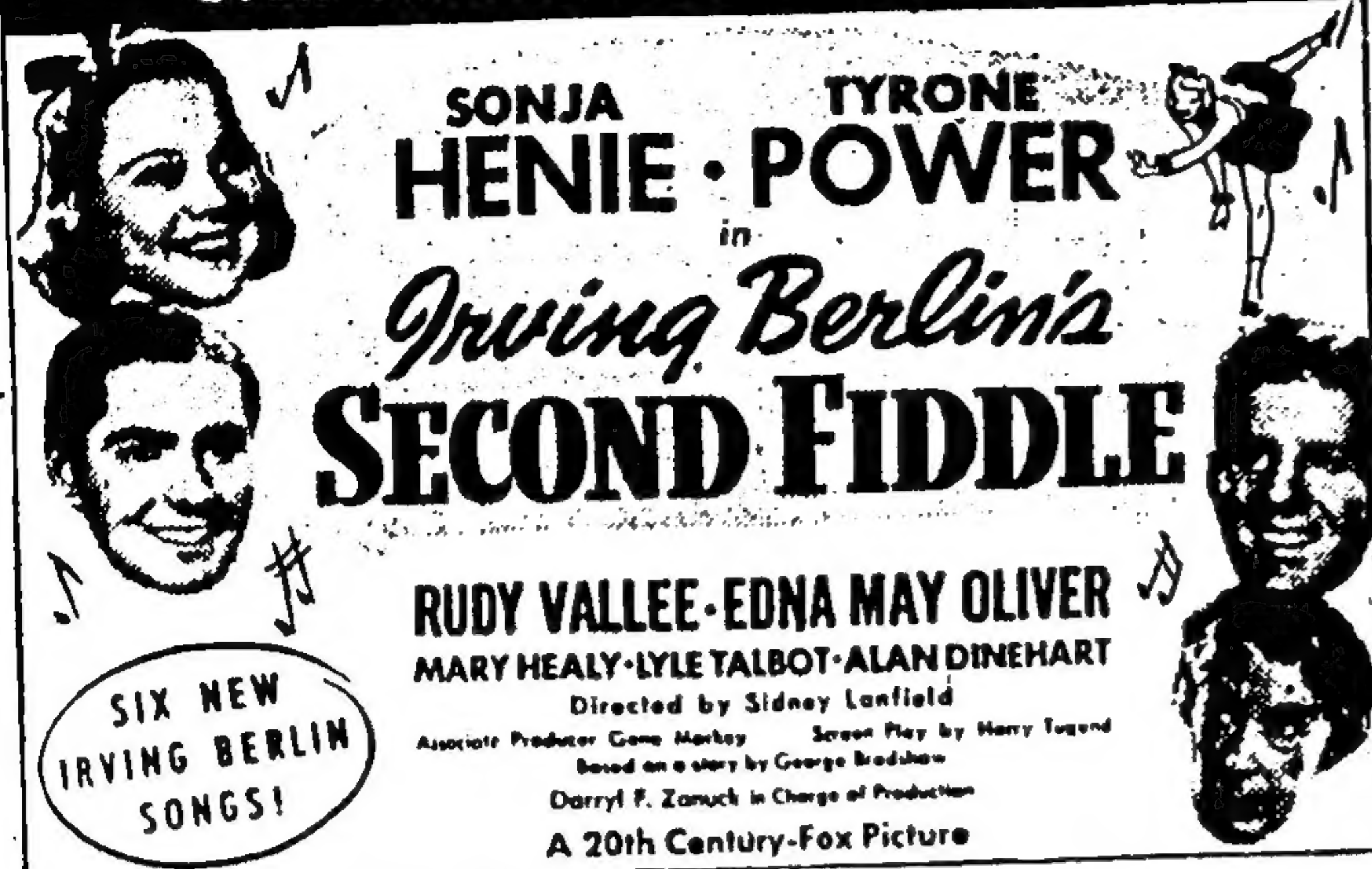


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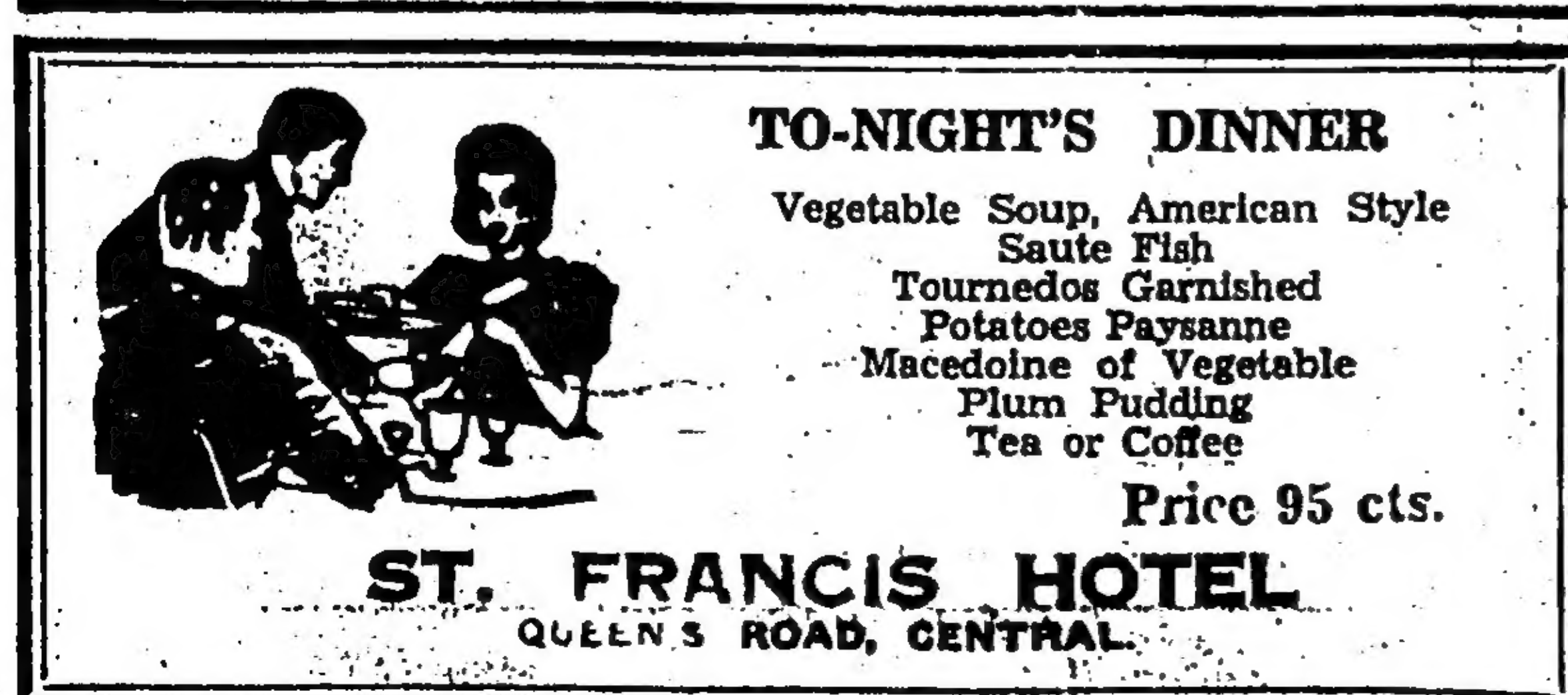
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# GUARANTEE FOR SCANDINAVIA BY THE ALLIES?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.  
ALTHOUGH NEITHER BRITAIN nor France has made  
public their intentions as regards the Finnish question,  
both London and Paris are busy studying the situation  
in northern Europe in connection with the Russian  
invasion.

Following the declarations made by  
the French Premier and British  
Ministers, observers are of opinion  
that Britain and France are contem-  
plating two forms of assistance to  
Helsinki.

Firstly, direct material aid, and  
Secondly, a promise of support to  
the Scandinavian countries against  
possible attack if the Scandinavians  
assist Finland.

## ITALIAN HELP

The Allies have already decided to  
extend to Finland some direct as-  
sistance, and about 100 aeroplanes  
will shortly be despatched to Fin-  
land, in addition to many rifles,  
machineguns and other war material.

Indications from Rome reveal that  
Italy is also prepared to take an  
active role, and is ready to despatch  
war material by sea if Germany  
persists in refusing to grant transit  
to Italian war materials to the Finns  
overland.

As regards indirect aid, it is an-  
ticipated that the Allies are pre-  
pared to guarantee the integrity of the  
Scandinavian countries, since the  
Reich's capture of the natural re-  
sources of Sweden and Norway would  
constitute a direct threat against the  
Allies.—Havas.

# RUSSIA'S PAN-SLAVIC POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Sofia, To-day.

Upon an invitation from Moscow,  
a Bulgarian trade mission, headed by  
the Finance Minister, M. Bojiloff, has  
left for Moscow with the aim of  
concluding a trade treaty.

Since the outbreak of the European  
war Russia has been endeavouring to  
win over Bulgaria in accordance with  
her Pan-Slavic policy and the ex-  
tension of Soviet influence in the  
Balkans.—Havas.

# HITLER AT THE FRONT

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler spent Christmas on the wes-  
tern front, according to an announce-  
ment by the Nazi news agency.

On Sunday he visited the Gross-  
deutschland Regiment and a recon-  
naissance squadron at a field air  
base.

He then visited an anti-aircraft  
battery and inspected many pillboxes,  
and spent the evening at various  
points near Saarbruecken.—Reuter.

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# CHIANG STATEMENT ON CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA

Chungking, To-day.  
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S policy regarding the proposed early establishment of a constitutional government is set forth in a statement by General Chiang Kai-shek published in the Chinese press here.

The Generalissimo declares that the constitutional period and the political training period may well proceed on parallel lines.

It is not necessary, he says, for the constitutional period to come only after completion of the political training period.

General Chiang advocates the promulgation of a constitution, with the Government at the same time enforcing political training, enabling citizens to properly exercise their rights under constitutional government.

The Generalissimo, however, warns the Chinese people of the evils of Chinese parliaments in the past after the establishment of the Republic in 1911.

## PREVIOUS FAILURES

On those occasions, he asserts, members of parliament, not knowing their responsibilities, brought about the failure of Chinese constitutional governments.

The statement also emphasises that political training does not mean that the Government may use high-handed measures towards the people, but should adopt the manner and method of school-teachers in helping the

## DANISH HELP FOR THE ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.  
Danish residents here have formed a special committee to aid the Allied cause for the purchase of fully-equipped military ambulances.

Their first cheque has been forwarded to the French authorities.—Havas.

people to become worthy of their rights and privileges.—Reuter.

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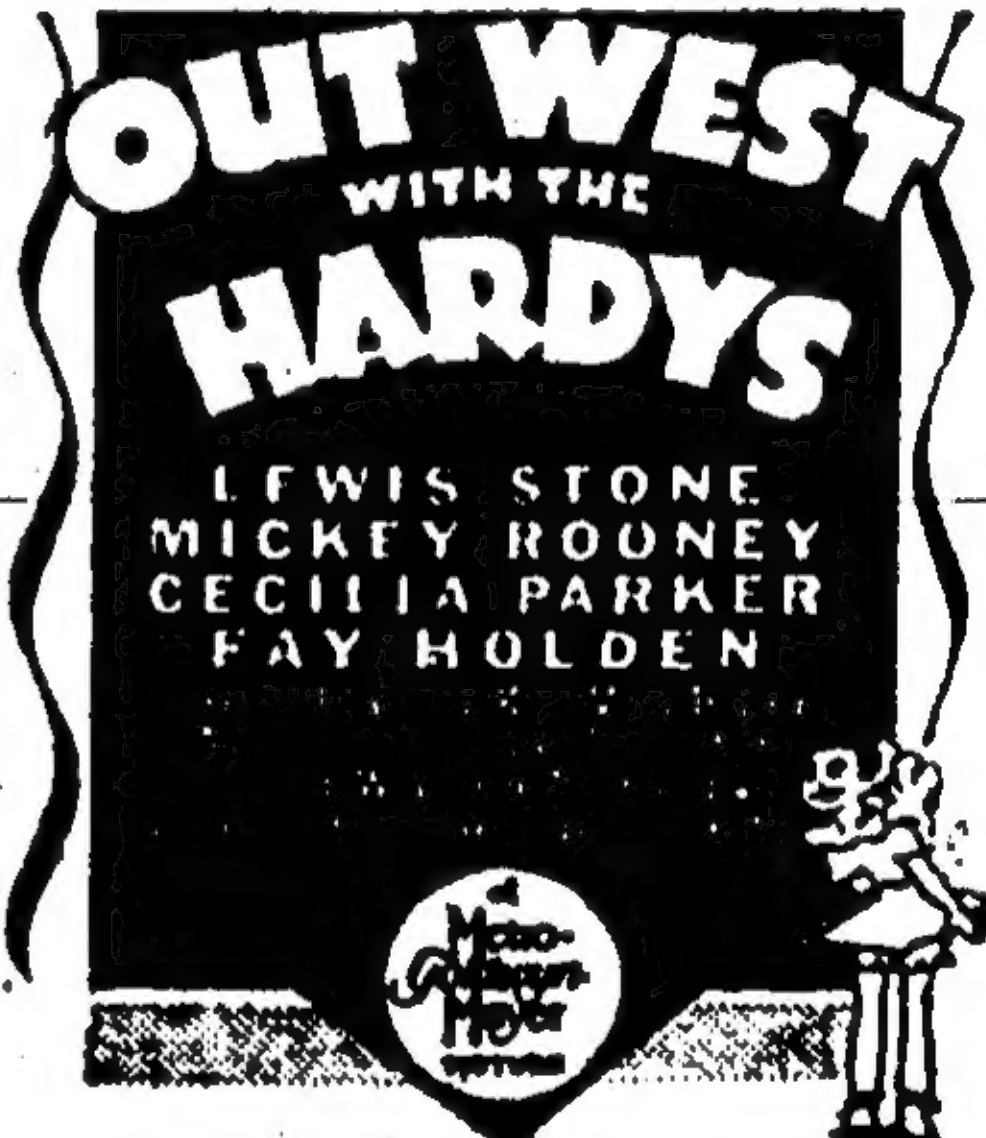
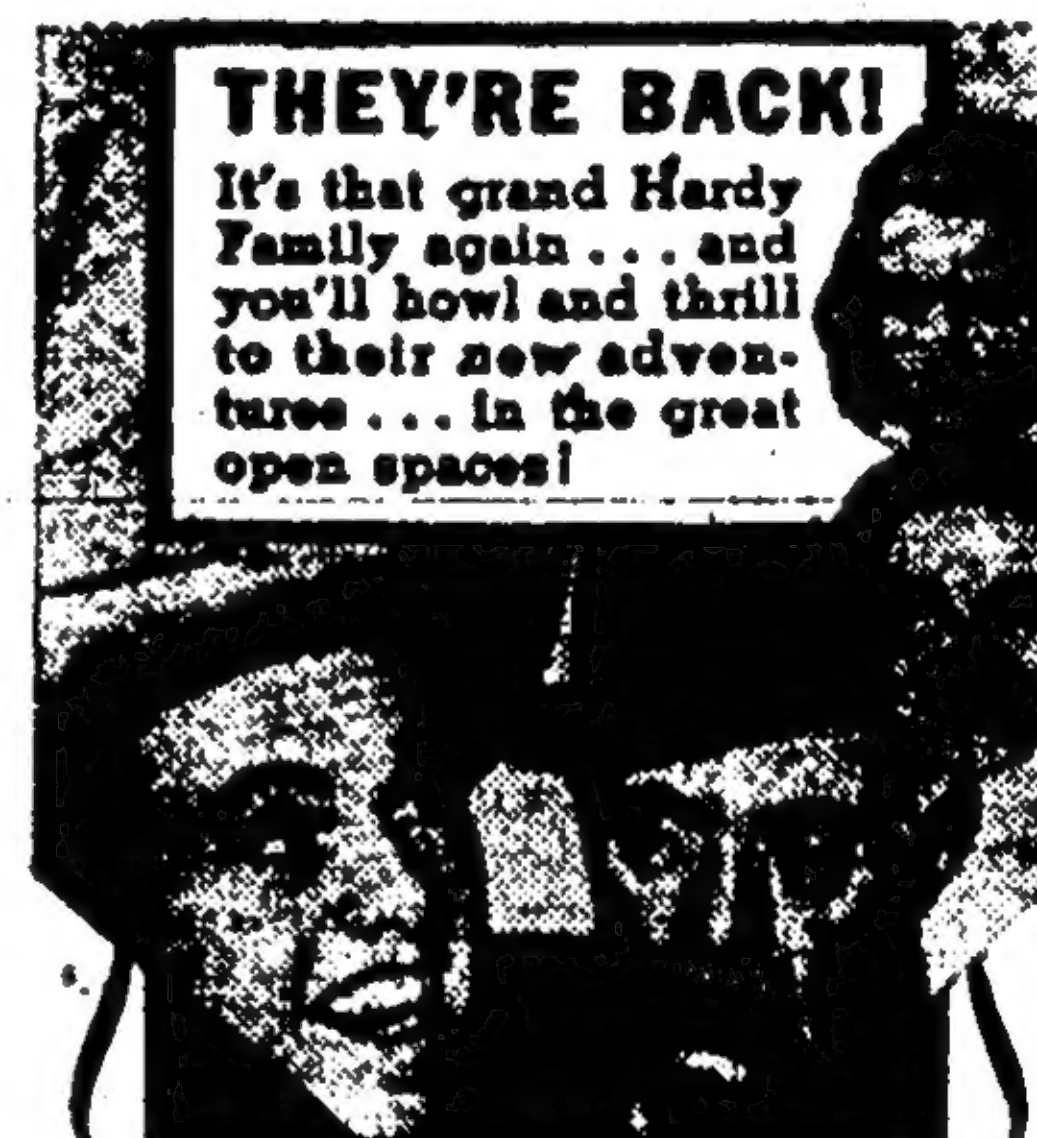


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# FINNISH ARMY ON RED SOIL

## NO CHANGE IN U.S. ATTITUDE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Official quarters voice satisfaction at the latest developments in American-Japanese relations following Ambassador Grew's assurances to the Gaimusho that the United States is not enforcing tariff reprisals against Japanese exports to the United States.

Meanwhile, active unofficial parleys, preparatory to signature of a new trade treaty, are going on both here and in Tokyo.

The Japanese-American trade treaty expires on January 26, 1940, and will then be subjected to "normal" tariff.

### UNCHANGED IN FUNDAMENTALS

Observers do not anticipate that Congress will vote a bill imposing restrictions against Japanese trade.

Meanwhile the American attitude, despite satisfaction over the Japanese Government's desire to improve relations with the United States, remains unchanged as regards the fundamental principles in respect of American rights in China.—Havas.

## BRILLIANT COUNTER-STROKE IN THE CENTRE

Helsinki, To-day.

THE FINNISH FORCES north of Lake Ladoga, pressing their brilliantly successful counter-stroke, have now driven the Soviet army from Finnish territory and are fighting on Russian soil.

This claim is made in an official war communique issued in Helsinki to-day, which says that further large quantities of war material have been captured and that many prisoners have been taken. The Red Army attacked violently in the middle of the Mannerheim Line, in the Karelian Isthmus and fighting is still going on in this sector.

In the Arctic zone, the troops are at a standstill owing to the intense cold.

### HEAVY RAIDS

Russian planes in large numbers raided a dozen towns in Finland. Helsinki was bombed twice, but anti-aircraft fire kept the raiders high and away from the centre of the capital. Most of the bombs dropped in the evacuated suburbs and there were only three casualties.

Viborg, Abo and Bjorneborg, on the Gulf of Bothnia, were heavily bombed.—Reuter.

### PLANES DOWNED

Helsinki, To-day.

Yesterday's air raids by the Soviet included an attack on the town of

Porvoo, on the coast of the Gulf of Finland, during which nine civilians were killed.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to bomb Helsinki airport.

It is reported that at least ten enemy planes were brought down. One crashed outside Helsinki. It is believed that thirty Soviet planes took part in one raid on the capital.—Reuter.

## BOOM XMAS IN U.S.

New York, To-day.

The United States celebrated the best Christmas since the boom year of 1929.

New York enjoyed a five per cent. business increase and a 15 per cent. travel increase compared with last year.

Thousands of passengers gave the air lines their best season on record, most of them going south into the sunshine.

Manhattan claims to have established a world post office record in handling 17,925,675 parcels, packets, letters and cards in one day.—Reuter.

## FRIENDSHIP CEMENTED IN BLOOD

Moscow, To-day.

Stalin has thanked Hitler and Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, for their congratulations on his sixtieth birthday.

In his message to Ribbentrop, Stalin adds: "The friendship of the peoples of Germany and the Soviet, cemented in blood, has every reason for being lasting and firm."—Reuter.

## CHRISTMAS IN PARIS FOR TROOPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

DESPITE THE WAR AND THE NEED FOR AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS, PARIS CELEBRATED A GAY CHRISTMAS EVE.

Most churches and chapels celebrated a midnight mass. The authorities allowed restaurants and cafes to remain open until 2 a.m. and many revellers, including French and British uniformed men, were seen in all cafes and restaurants, the windows of which were carefully protected by thick curtains.

Nevertheless, most of the streets were most animated despite the blackout.

A large portion of the population spent a quiet Christmas Eve at home, especially in those families where soldiers arrived on leave.—Havas.

## AIR SERVICE SUSPENDED

The Hong Kong-Chungking air service of the C.N.A.C. has been temporarily suspended owing to the constant bombing of Kweilin and towns along the route by Japanese machines.

## CHINESE FORCES CLEAN UP NEAR NANNING

Chungking, To-day.

THE CHINESE FORCES advancing on Nanning have completed the occupation of a 12-mile stretch of highway up to a point 13 miles north-east of the city, it is claimed in Chinese reports.

The Japanese troops are said to be holding on to parts of the highway beyond this point, about 30 miles from Nanning, south of Kunlunkwan.

The Chinese forces are said to be concentrating their efforts on mopping up this body of Japanese before launch an attack on Nanning itself.

Another Chinese column, striking west of Nanning, captured Shihpuyu on Friday afternoon.

### NANCHANG BATTLE

In Kiangsi, Chinese despatches report that fighting at present centres in the area immediately north of Nanchang, where the Chinese launched an attack on Wednesday night.

It is claimed here that this force reached the outskirts of Nanchang on Saturday night.—Reuter.

## CHINESE MISSION TO TIBET

Chungking, To-day.

General Wu Chung-hsin, chairman of the Mongolian-Tibetan Affairs Commission, is due to arrive in Lhasa, in Tibet, on New Year's Day, according to latest information reaching Chungking from Tibet.

General Wu arrived at Darjeeling on December 6.—Reuter.

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# POPE'S FIVE POINTS FOR A JUST PEACE: VATICAN CONDEMNS AGGRESSION

Rome, To-day.

"ATROCITIES AND THE unlawful use of means of destruction even against non-combatants and evacuees, against women, old people and children, and contempt of liberty and human life, are acts which call for Divine vengeance."

This declaration was made by His Holiness the Pope in his Christmas message to the College of Cardinals.

"We have had to witness a series of acts incompatible with international and natural law and humanity. These acts reveal how much the juridical sense has been distorted by totalitarian considerations."

"This category includes pre-meditated aggression against a small, labourious and pacific nation on the pretence of a menace which never existed and was not even possible."

Declaring he envisaged with horror the consequences of the war, the Pope declared: "Those responsible for the destiny of peoples should be able to define at an opportune moment the fundamental points of a just and honourable peace, and not refuse to negotiate if the occasion arises."

## FIVE POINTS

His Holiness gives five points as the foundations of a just international peace.

Firstly, an assurance of independence to all nations;

Secondly, an end to the armaments race;

Thirdly, juridical institutions must guarantee that the loyal and lawful application of an agreement is of supreme importance to honourable acceptance of a peace treaty, and that arbitrary and unilateral interpretations of the conditions of the treaty must be avoided;

Fourthly, the needs and just demands of nations and peoples, and also ethnic minorities, must particularly be considered, if necessary by means of just and wise acceptance of the revisions of treaties; and

Fifthly, the Pope emphasised that those who govern peoples must be

## PROMOTION FOR URSULA COMMANDER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCES THAT THE D.S.O. HAS BEEN CONFERRED ON LT.-COMM. PHILLIPS, OF THE SUBMARINE URSULA, WHICH RECENTLY DESTROYED AN ENEMY CRUISER OFF HELIGOLAND.

Lt-Comm. Phillips is also promoted to Commander from December 22.

Other decorations and promotions of officers and men in Ursula are also made, and all are congratulated upon their great success.—Reuter.

imbued with a sense of their responsibilities.

## PEACE EFFORTS

At the close of his address the Pope thanked President Roosevelt for his noble and generous effort to restore peace.

His Holiness said that other high personalities also, whose names he did not wish to mention, had approached him with efforts to restore peace.—Reuter.

## RED WAY OF LOOKING AT IT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Moscow, To-day.

The "Krasny Flot," organ of the Red Navy, publishes an editorial on "Anglo-Italian antagonism in the Near East."

The Journal says Turkey has become "Great Britain's policeman while Italy is an imperialist brigand who has not succeeded well in his career and is paid by the British for remaining neutral."—Havas.

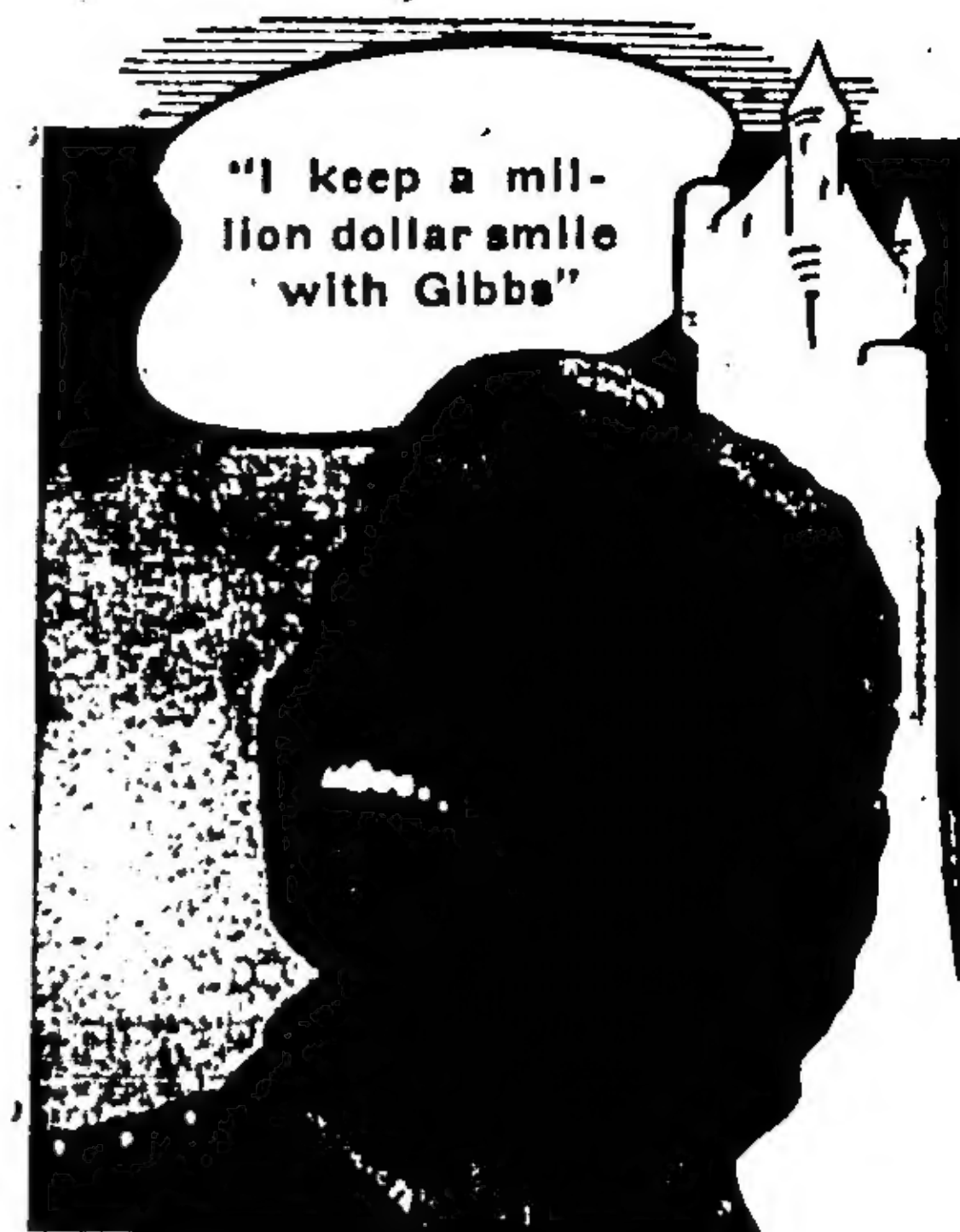
## BELGRADE AGREEMENT WITH ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") BELGRADE, TO-DAY.

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN YUGO-SLAVIA AND FRANCE, WHILE A SIMILAR ACCORD WITH BRITAIN IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

The Yugo-Slav-French accord, which enters into operation on January 1, 1940, provides approximately exports of 1,000,000,000 dinars a year to France of Yugo-Slav goods, mainly raw materials which have been yearly exports to France.

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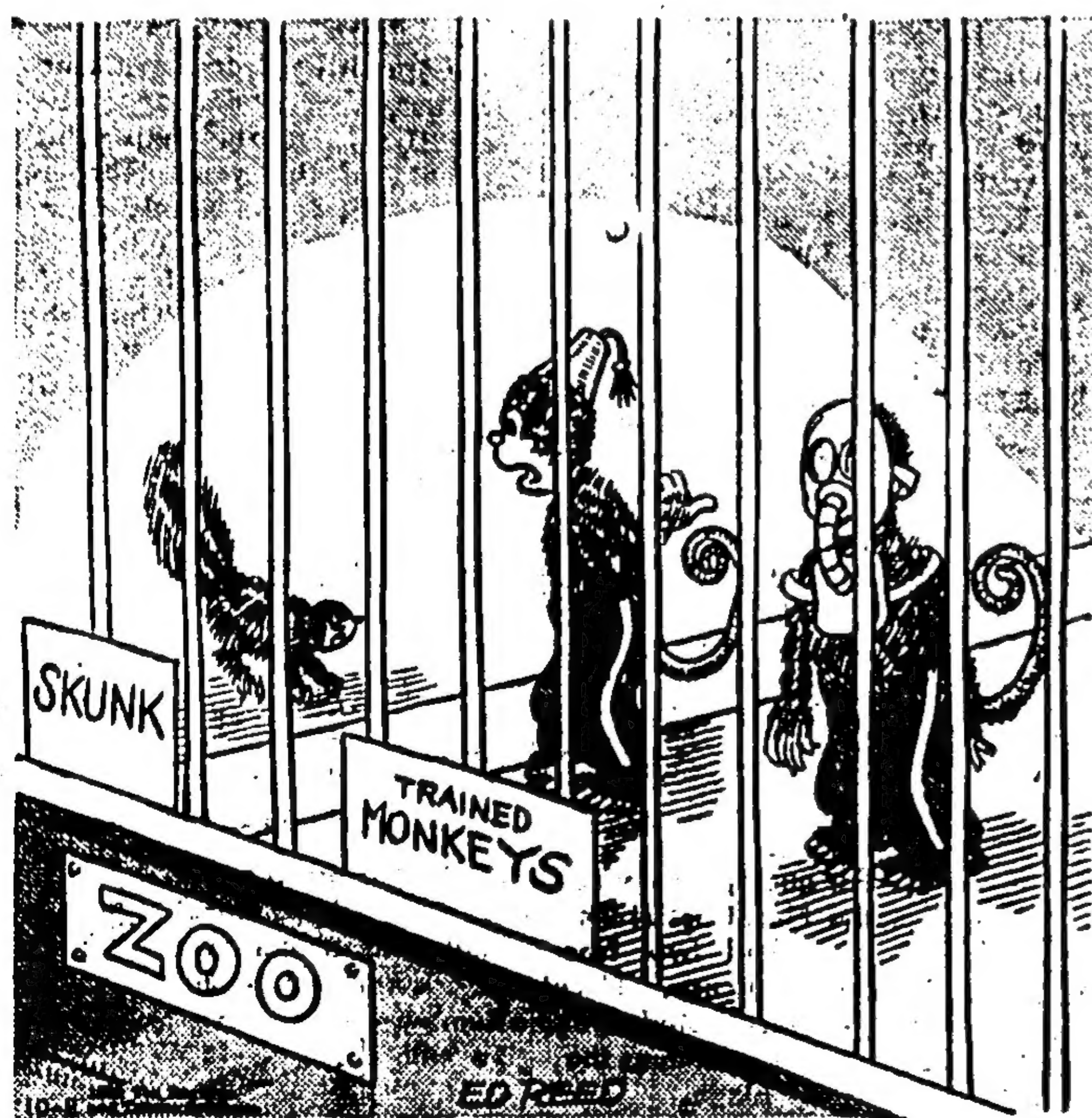
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# "Our Cause Is The Cause Of Christian Civilisation" THE KING'S XMAS MESSAGE TO EMPIRE

## KING IN TOUCH WITH THE EMPIRE

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
HIS MAJESTY SAT ALONE IN HIS STUDY AT SANDRINGHAM HOUSE WHEN HE BROADCAST, AND SPOKE INTO THE SAME MICROPHONE HE USED FOR HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS BROADCAST TWO YEARS AGO.

At that time the King intended not to continue the practice of broadcasting on Christmas Day, because it had been so personally connected with his father, but yesterday he broadcast because of the war.

His Majesty had Christmas luncheon with the Queen and the two Princesses in the big dining-room, and a few minutes before 3 o'clock went alone to his study, to wait for the red glimmer above the microphone telling him he was in touch with the whole Empire.—Reuter.

## "IF THE NEW YEAR BRINGS PEACE"

London, To-day.

"THE FESTIVAL WHICH we know as Christmas is above all a festival of peace and of the home," declared His Majesty the King broadcasting a Christmas Day message to the Empire.

"Among all free peoples the love of peace is profound, for this alone gives security to the home.

"But true peace is in the hearts of men, and it is the tragedy of this time that there are powerful countries whose whole direction and policy are based on aggression and suppression of all we hold dear for mankind.

"It is this that has stirred our peoples and given them a unity unknown in any previous war.

"We feel in our hearts that we are

fighting against wickedness and this conviction will give us strength from day to day to persevere until victory is assured.

### RESOLVED AND CONFIDENT

"At home we are, as it were, taking the strain for what may lie ahead of us, resolved and confident.

"We look with pride and thankfulness on the never-failing courage and devotion of the Royal Navy, on which throughout the last four months has burst the storm of ruthless and unceasing war.

"And when I speak of our Navy to-day, I mean all the men of our Empire who go down to the sea in the ships of the Mercantile Marine, mine-sweepers, trawlers and drifters, from senior officers to the last boy who has joined up.

### SURE SHIELD

"To everyone in this great Fleet I send the message I send to our gallant air force, which, in co-operation with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence.

"They are daily adding laurels to those their fathers won.

"I would send a special word of greeting to the armies of the Empire, to those who have come from afar and in particular to the British Expeditionary Force.

"Their task is hard and they are waiting. Waiting is a trial of nerve and discipline, but I know that when the moment comes for action they will prove themselves worthy of the highest traditions of their great service.

### EMPIRE'S SPIRIT

"To all who are preparing them-

## QUEEN LISTENS TO SPEECH

London, To-day.

The King spoke from his study at Sandringham House and used the same microphone he used in his Christmas broadcast two years ago.

The Queen and the Princesses listened in to the speech from a loud-speaker in another room.—Reuter.

selves to serve their country on sea and land or in the air I send my greetings.

"The men and women of our far-flung Empire are working in their several vocations with one and the same purpose. All are members of a great family of nations which is prepared to sacrifice everything that freedom of spirit may be saved to the world.

"Such is the spirit of the Empire, of the great Dominions, India and every colony, large and small.

"From all alike have come offers of help, for which the Mother Country can never be sufficiently grateful.

### CHRISTIAN CAUSE

"Such unity in aim and effort has never been seen in the world before.

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"On no other basis can a true civilisation be built. Let us remember this through the dark times ahead and when we are making the peace for which all men pray.

"A new year is at hand and we cannot tell what it will bring."

### UNDAUNTED

"If it brings peace how thankful we shall be. If it brings a continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted.

"Meanwhile, I feel we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines 'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown, and he replied 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light.'"

"May that Almighty hand guide and uphold us all."—Reuter.



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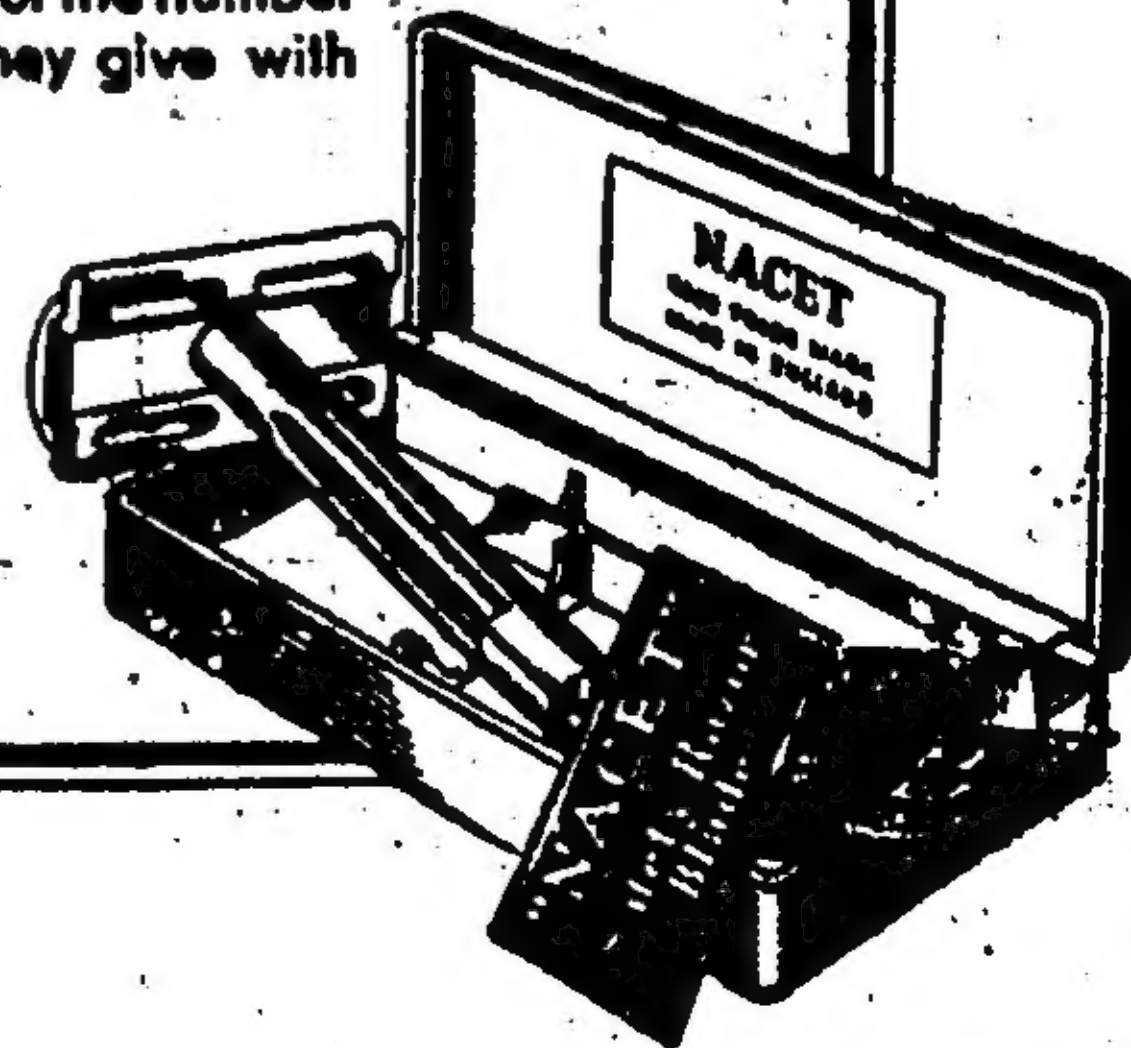
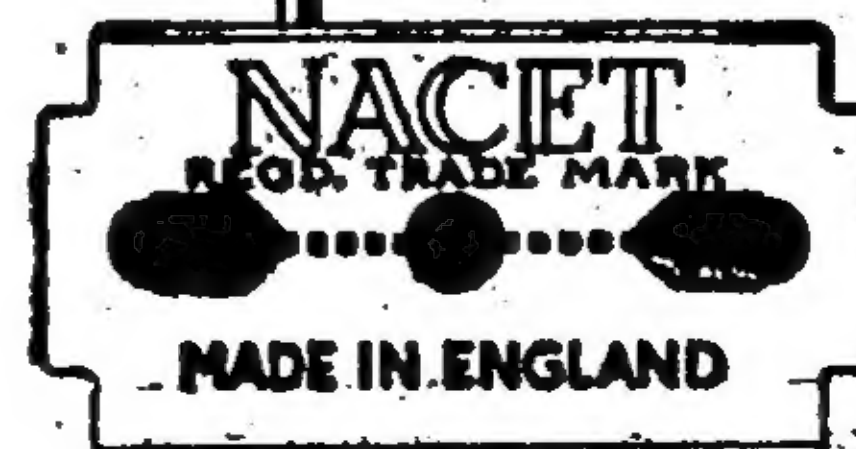
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# SOVIET FORCES SURROUNDED IN AGLAJAERVI BATTLE: FINN ADVANCE CONTINUES

Helsinki, To-day.

**THE BATTLE OF AGLAJAERVI** ended in defeat for the enemy, part of whose forces were surrounded, states an official communique issued in Helsinki.

The Russians, the communique continues, put up a fierce resistance but were mostly killed before the final surrender.

**The Aglajaervi area, it is claimed, is now wholly in Finnish hands, and the advance continues.**

War material captured includes six guns, eight tanks and eight anti-tank guns.

In the battle of Tolvaervi and Aglajaervi the Finns took over 600 prisoners, and the enemy lost 2,000 dead.

In the Salla sector the advance continues.

## AIR ACTIVITY

Another communique says that on the Karelian front, the Finnish troops, after carrying out several patrol operations on an extended front, returned to their positions.

On the Aglajaervi front the advance continues.

Enemy air activities have been very great, owing to the fine weather, particularly in Karelia.

The Finnish air force engaged and drove off enemy planes throughout the day.

## RED LOSSES

In numerous air fights the Finns brought down 14 Russian machines, the loss of which has been confirmed. They were principally bombers.

It is believed the Finns also brought down four or five machines

which have not yet been found. The Finns lost two machines.—Reuter.

## SOVIET CLAIMS

Moscow, To-day.

A Soviet communique claims that 971 Finnish troops were killed and 35 taken prisoner in "serious clashes between reconnaissance units in the Karelian Isthmus."

The communique says that otherwise nothing important occurred at the front.—Reuter.

# HEARD PERFECTLY IN H. K.

London, To-day.

Messages from many parts of the world report excellent reception of the King's broadcast.

For example, Melbourne stated reception was good throughout, and Hong Kong reported reception 100 per cent.

Ascension Island reported excellent reception.—Reuter.

# HOSTILITY TO SOVIET IN OCCUPIED POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cernauti, To-day.

**HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE Soviet** is growing throughout Eastern Poland, where cold and the lack of foodstuffs are prevalent, several Polish refugees who have just arrived in Rumania told Havas.

Red Army "requisitions" were at first limited to larger properties, but lately they have hit even the humblest peasants, who have been compelled at times to hand over as much as three-quarters of their food supplies and grain and half their cattle.

During the past few days, the Soviets have made house-to-house searches and requisitioned blanket. Many shops are cleaned out, even the zinc roofs of some houses being taken away.

An anti-religious campaign is in full swing.—Havas.

## URUGUAY TO HELP FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montevideo, To-day.

The Government has replied to the League of Nations stating that Uruguay is extending moral and material help to Finland.—Havas.

# GERMANY RELEASES SWEDISH SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The newspapers insist that the renewal of the German-Swedish trade agreement does not interfere with Swedish neutrality.

The Stockholm paper "Tidningen" says:—

"The Germans merely wish to normalize the trade of the two countries on a peacetime basis." Many ships which had been previously detained by the German contraband control were released as soon as the agreement was signed.

Forty Swedish ships had been detained in German ports; one-third are still there.—Havas.

# INVERLANE NOW A TOTAL LOSS

London, To-day.

The British steamer Inverlane (9,000 tons), which was mined last week, is now burned out. She is stated to be a total loss.—Reuter.

# GAMELIN'S MESSAGE TO THE ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

General Gamelin, in his New Year message to the Army, states that the magnitude of the French cause is in itself a pledge of success.

"Both militarily and morally we are winning the war once more."

General Gamelin's short message made a deep impression on the Army, since his laconism has become proverbial.—Havas.

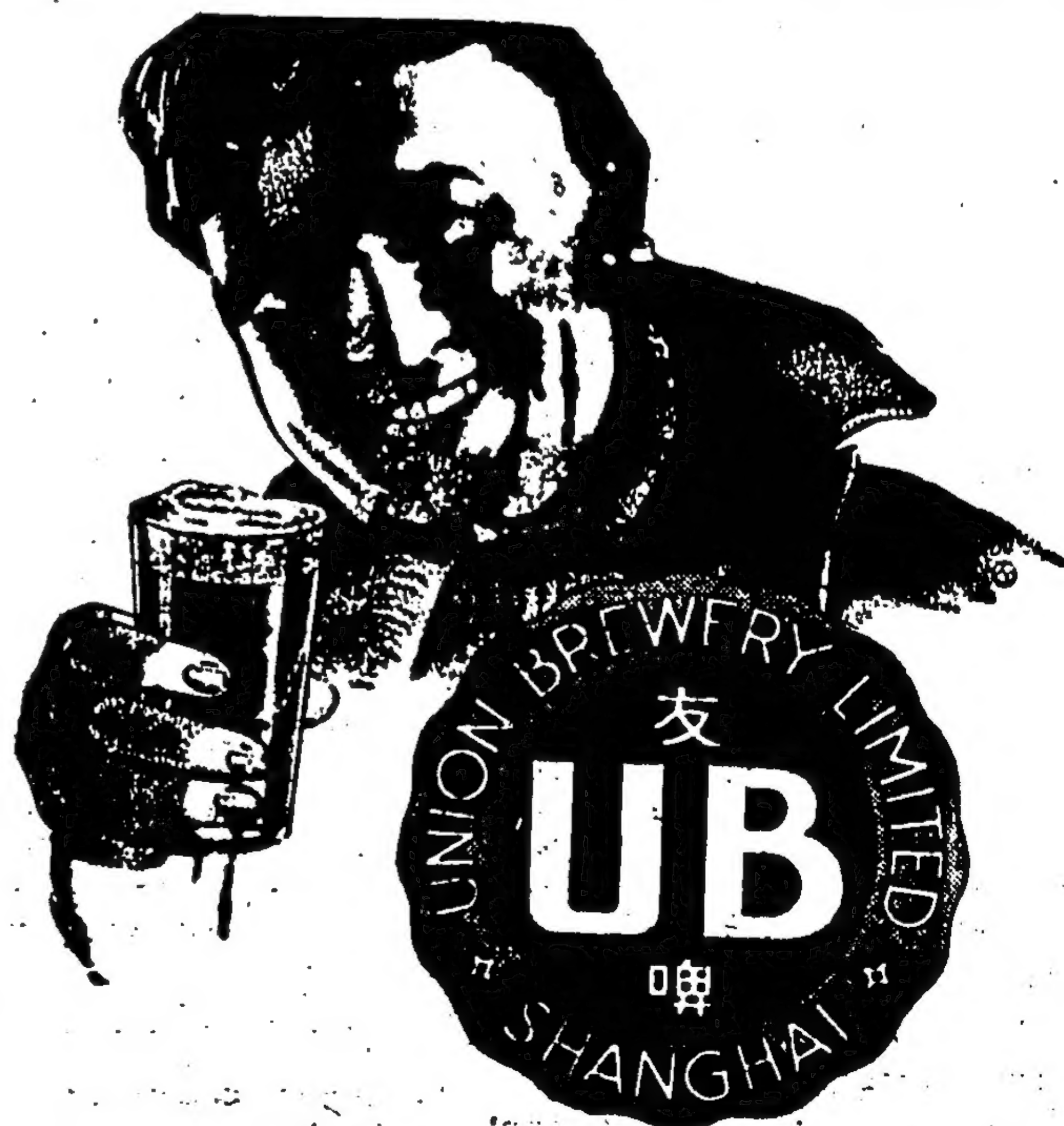
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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### U.S. AND JAPAN

It is noteworthy that public discussion in the United States also is growing ever more lively in regard to the Japanese-American commercial pact issue, with the time limit for abrogation of the pact of which the United States Government notified Japan so abruptly on July 26 last fast approaching — the pact is to be abrogated after January 25 next pending conclusion of a new commercial pact to replace the existing one.

The direct cause for this apparently now growing heated discussion in the United States on this issue is an article published in the Baltimore Sun, which is from the pen of the paper's Washington correspondent, Frederick Essary. Mr. Essary, in the article, writes that the American State Department is gravely apprehensive of possibility of Japan running to the Russian side in the event that the adjustment of Japanese-American relations becomes impossible on account of the aggravation of the commercial treaty issue. American Congress, Mr. Essary also writes, is being feared by the State Department quarters as likely to bring up again in that event the old question of carrying out an arms embargo against Japan, and any Congressional resolution to be passed thereof, Mr. Essary learns, from the same quarters, would have only the adverse effect of pouring oil on the burning flames. He thus understands that the State Department authorities are desiring continuation of amicable relationship between Japan and the United States without making careless use of its powerful armed force to exert pressure on Japan but by trying to adjust cleverly the two nations' claims and stands as regards the China question. —"Asahi Shimbun."

explain why he risked the Russian partnership. Had that last gigantic bluff worked, Herr Hitler might have had Poland and peace—his kind of peace, a spectacular victory over the western democracies and some gains at the expense of the Soviet, granted unwittingly by Stalin's own hand.

But if somebody blundered, it wasn't Stalin. —"Christian Science Monitor."

### STUDENT THOUGHT

"As long as a totalitarianism is left strong enough to enforce its message over the world, no pause from arms can be more than a recess. . . . The president of Columbia University said the other day that America has a share in war guilt because she has not done her duty in helping find and eliminate causes of war. This should be a challenge to students." —"Daily Maroon," University of Chicago.

### "ERRONEOUS"

Advent of a state of non-treaty between Japan and the United States is neither welcome to this nation. But what Japan is seriously concerned about is not so much about the existence or otherwise of the Japanese-American commercial treaty as about how to secure peace in the Pacific. If the Roosevelt Administration should ever labour under the erroneous impression that it can achieve materialisation of its designed Far Eastern policy by mere implication of the advent of a state of non-treaty and by its threats of exerting economic and naval pressure on Japan, nothing could be more seriously mistaken in its views cherished as to the fundamentals of Japan's peace policy vis-a-vis the United States. —"Nichi-Nichi."

### SOMEONE BLUNDERED

How long Germany can wage war, and with what prospect of success, is a question exercising the talents of government experts in several countries. In all their estimates, speculation in some measure is necessarily present. The knowledge whether Reichsfuhrer Hitler deliberately chose war with Britain and France or whether he blundered into it on the assumption that these nations would not fight — this would help toward an estimate of Germany's real strength.

If Herr Hitler deliberately chose war against two powerful nations in addition to Poland, one might assume he counted on the material equipment of the Third Reich to carry it through. But if he blundered into it, relying on bluff to win the day, it was not on German strength but on his own cleverness that he may have relied.

Thus the disclosure by Reikichi Kita, member of the Japanese House of Representatives, indicating Herr Hitler did not believe Britain and France would fight, is extremely interesting. Mr. Kita says that a Japanese industrialist

who was invited to the Nazi rally at Nuremberg, but who decided because of the crisis to go immediately to Stockholm, was urged in a note from Herr Hitler to stay in Germany because there would not be war.

It was not possible for the Allied diplomats, in direct negotiation with Herr Hitler, to know certainly whether he was really ready to face a major war. Many assessed his boldness as bluff. Some appear to have felt that at the last moment, Herr Hitler began to realise what he was up against but decided to go ahead even into general war. Mr. Kita's report, supporting the views of those who believe Herr Hitler blundered, helps also to

Italy can undoubtedly hope for far more booty from a German victory than from a victory of the Allies, since the territories which might be torn from defeated Britain and France can be measured in millions of square miles. But there will be no booty at all unless there is victory. So Italy's choice must be governed not by the extent of possible gains, but by which side appears destined to win. Once that issue is clear to her leaders, she can hope to extract a heavy price from them for unleashing an assault upon the rear of their enemies.

Already there is evidence of manoeuvring towards a position which will permit a move in either direction. Rome supported Hitler's peace drive because its success would bring her some concessions without any danger. But simultaneously she

### THE VICTORY

"Once Democracy strips itself of the fear of having to fight a war, should all other methods fail or prove inefficient, Democracy has won. . . ." —Count Ferdinand Czernin.

swung carefully away from the role of German ally to a place in the middle of the road—possibly even farther away than that. Care is imposed not only by fear of Berlin, but also by fear of the effect on Mussolini's prestige of too rapid a swing from his disastrous Axis policy.

Indications of this development are improving relations with London and Paris and attacks in the controlled Italian press upon Germany's Russian supporter, the last of which lay a basis for the growth of a coolness towards Germany herself. What recent Cabinet changes portend it is too early to state definitely.

If the final outcome of the war is what the American people expect, the victory of the Allies, this development may be expected to proceed to its logical conclusion and make Italy one of the Allies when that victory is won. —"Livingston Hartley."



# FRANCE WILL RETURN EACH BLOW--DALADIER

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## FRENCH PREMIER BROADCASTS TO NATION

Paris, To-day.

"WE SHALL NOT TAKE the initiative in inflicting new sufferings to those which already prevail," declared the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, in a Christmas broadcast to the French nation.

"We shall return each blow. For more than a hundred years Germany has fought her wars on other people's territory; this time we shall keep an exact account of all her crimes.

"We are fighting not against other peoples but against war itself."

M. Daladier reminded his listeners of the victims of aggression.

"May all peoples understand that they cannot prevent aggression by trembling before the aggressor, but by putting up a barrage of courage and determination.

### FIGHT TO END

"We Frenchmen have already made up our minds that we are determined to fight this dreadful tyranny to the end.

"We are fighting for the future of France and the future of the entire world, and all the more can we be courageous since we know we are stronger and more determined."

Concluding, M. Daladier addressed the French fighting forces.

### UNITED IN TASK

"I was one of you 20 years ago, and I have not forgotten it.

"You are united in your great task

"I want to assure each of you that I understand you, and for my part I also am doing my duty.

"While you defend our country, we make it secure."—Reuter.

## R.A.F.'S LEGLESS PILOT

London, To-day.

Eight years ago Flying-Officer D.R.S. Bader, a former Hendon aerobatic ace, coming out of a slow roll, crashed at Reading and received terrible injuries.

He hovered between life and death in hospital, and lost both legs in the crash.

Now he is once more an R.A.F. pilot "somewhere in England."

As soon as he was able he took a course in civil aviation, actually learning to pilot a plane operating the rudder controls with his false limbs.

### STOICISM

His application to rejoin the Air Force in peacetime was refused, but on the outbreak of war he renewed the application, asking to be allowed to fly single-seater machines. This time he was accepted.

Flying-Officer Bader has stoically overcome his injuries. He has now a short handicap at golf, dances and drives his own motor-car.—Reuter.

## ZIPPER BOTTOMS FOR NAZI SHIPS!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A cartoon in the "Baltimore Sun" ridicules the recent epidemic of scuttling of German ships. An imaginary ship called the "Graf Self-sinko Columbus Spee the Second" is pictured, the merits of which the designer explains by saying: "We are designing all our new ships with a zipper bottom!"

A sailor standing by gives the assurance that the ship "can sink itself within three seconds," while another sailor comments: "Britain will never recover from this blow!"—Havas.

## U.S. PRESIDENT'S PEACE APPEAL TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

IN THREE LETTERS, addressed to the Pope (through the Archbishop of New York), to the leaders of the Evangelic Church and to the Grand Rabbi, President Roosevelt appealed for a spiritual union of the three great religions in order that they might build up the basis of a durable peace throughout the world.

In his letter to the Pope, President Roosevelt specified the significance of Mr. Myron Taylor's mission to the Vatican.

"We must encourage close co-operation between great spiritual leaders the world over, whether they represent religions or governments."

### PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP

At the end of the letter President Roosevelt recalled the personal bonds of friendship binding Pope Pius XII to himself.

President Roosevelt knew Cardinal Pacelli, the present Pope, while the latter was Papal personal representative in Washington.

Although Mr. Taylor is ill it is expected he will go to Rome shortly.—Havas.

### IMPORTANT MOVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Coming after the recent information that the Vatican was endeavouring to bring about an early armistice, the announcement that President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Myron Taylor as his "personal representative" at the Vatican, is considered here to be highly important.

President Roosevelt's announcement explained the appointment by saying that "the United States could thus associate herself with efforts aiming at the establishment of peace and relieving the world's sufferings."

Authoritative quarters stress that Mr. Taylor's appointment does not mean the restoration of relations with the Vatican, which were severed in 1870, and emphasise that he is acting on personal behalf of President Roosevelt.—Havas.

## CHINESE SUCCESSES IN KIANGSI

Chungking, To-day.

"The Chinese forces in Kiangsi further tightened their grip on Nanchang, the provincial capital, when they entered the walled town of Tsingan, west of Nanchang," states a Chinese field despatch.

Street fighting is said to be in progress, with the Chinese reported setting fire to Japanese munition and supply depots.

It is officially claimed here that Chinese troops entered Paotou, in Suiyuan province, on Wednesday morning.

A Chinese despatch states a large number of Japanese field-guns were captured in the battle for Paotou.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI RAILWAY CO. EARNINGS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE "HSIN SHUN PAO" ANNOUNCES THAT A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE "CENTRAL CHINA RAILWAYS COMPANY" TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY AT THE NEW ASIA HOTEL, IN HONGKOW.

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### "HITLER SPEAKS"

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## FUEHRER'S REAL ATTITUDE TO BOLSHEVISM

### "WE MUST FIRST CONQUER RUSSIA" REMARK

In the spring of 1934, Hitler was examining some fantastic "plan landscapes" of the future drawn up by Gauleiter Koch of Königsberg.

They were plans of means of transport, power stations, electric lines, roads, railways, and canals.

Accurately planned economic "landscapes" covered the whole of the East as far as the Black Sea and the Caucasus.

These plans showed Germany and Western Russia as a huge economic-political block, on a German basis, of course, planned and ruled by Germany.

There was no Poland in this "planned landscape," still less a Lithuania.

It represented a huge continental space which was to stretch from Flushing in the West to Vladivostok in the Far East.

"Unless we get that, the whole revolution is only a flash in the pan," Koch had told me when I expressed my amazement at the breadth of his plans.

"Koch runs a little too far ahead of reality," Hitler said in reference to these plans.

"He's trying to persuade me that an alliance between Germany and Russia will instantaneously remove all our difficulties. He wants me to ally myself with Russia against Poland."

"There is no reason why I shouldn't make a pact with Russia if that will improve my position. So far he is quite right. That is by no means impossible, and to a large extent, it will depend on Poland when this happens."

"But Koch is also wrong. In this way we shall never attain what is necessary for us. We shall never be a great, world-conquering entity. On the contrary, we should then distrust each other more than ever, and the end of such a pact would be the decisive battle that cannot be escaped."

Only one can rule. If we want to rule, we must first conquer Russia. After that, Koch can go on carrying out his 'planned landscapes'. Not before."

I explained that I had not meant an alliance between Germany and Russia, but simply a temporary arrangement as a tactical cover for our rear. I quite agreed that a hard-and-fast alliance was not without its danger for Germany.

"Why?" Hitler asked sharply.

"I've said nothing like that."

Surely, I suggested, there would be considerable danger of the Bolshevisation of Germany.

"There is no such danger, and never has been," Hitler returned.

"Besides, you forget that Russia is not only the land of Bolshevism, but also the greatest continental empire in the world, enormously powerful and capable of drawing the whole of Europe into its embrace. The Russians would take complete possession of their partners. That is the real danger; either you go with them all the way, or you leave them strictly alone." Then if I understood him rightly, I said, he drew a line of distinction between Russia as an empire and Russia as the home of Bolshevism. But it was not quite clear to me why an agreement as between sovereign states should not be possible between the Reich and Russia. It seemed to me that the only difficulty would be Russia's Bolshevism, which would always be a danger for us.

"It is not Germany that will turn Bolshevik, but Bolshevism that will become a sort of National Socialism," Hitler replied. "Besides, there is more that binds us to Bolshevism than separates us from it. There is, above all, genuine, revolutionary feeling, which is alive everywhere in Russia except where there are Jewish Marxists. I have always made allowance for this circumstance, and given orders that former Communists are to be admitted to the party at once. The petit bourgeois Social-Democrat and the trade-union boss will never make a National Socialist, but the Communist always will."

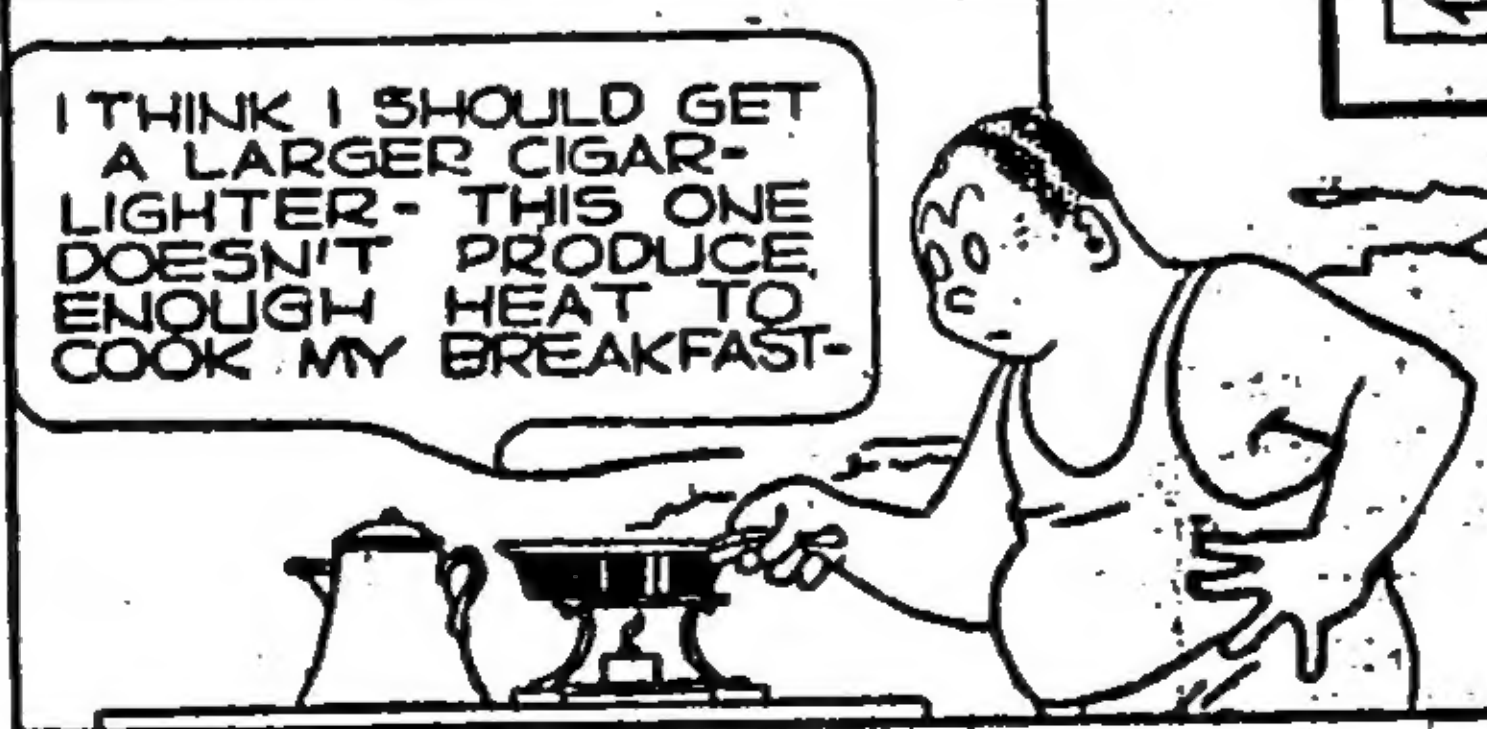
I raised cautious objections, pointing out the obvious danger of a planned permeation of party organisations by Communist agents. Most of those who had transferred their allegiance from the one party to the other were engaged as Communist spies. Hitler rejected these suggestions rather sharply. He would accept the risks, he said.

"Our spirit is so strong, and the power of our magnificent movement to transform souls so elemental, that men are remodelled against their will."

He feared internal unrest no more from the German Communists than from the Russian agents of the Comintern. If he were compelled to make a pact with Russia, he would still have his own second revolution in the background, a revolution which would protect him against all infection from Communist-Marxist chimeras.

"A social revolution would lend me new, unsuspected powers. I do not fear permeation with revolutionary Communist propaganda. But Russia, (Continued on Page 11)

**ROSIE'S BEAU-**  
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## "HITLER SPEAKS"

(Continued from Page 10)

whether she is to be a partner or an enemy, is our equal and must be watched. Germany and Russia are in an extraordinary fashion complementary to each other.

"They are made for each other, I might almost say. And the danger for us is that we may be absorbed, that we may lose our identity as a nation. Have you not noticed that Germans who have lived a long time in Russia can never again be Germans? The huge spaces have fascinated them. After all, Rosenberg is rabid against the Russians only because they would not allow him to be a Russian."

I remarked that it was curious how many young people—young Conservatives, young Prussians, young soldiers and civil engineers—saw the safeguarding of the future in an alliance with Russia. Evidently, Hitler did not like to hear this.

"I know what you mean—all this chattering about 'Prussian Socialism' and so on. Just the thing for our generals, playing at political games of war. Because a military alliance of this kind seems convenient to them, they suddenly discover that they're not in the least capitalist, in fact that they suffer from a kind of anti-capitalist nostalgia! They are quite happy with their half-knowledge, and think of their Prussian Socialism as a kind of drill-ground discipline in economics and personal liberty. But the matter isn't as simple as that. I can understand that our engineers are delighted with their 'plans,' but this isn't such a simple matter either. They seem to think it is just a question of exchanging raw material for engineering technique. The engineers, by the way, that they've got over there now are peculiarly rotten."

"These beliefs in a supernatural workers' state," he continued, "with production plans and production districts can only come out of the misguided, over-rationalised brains of a literary clique that has lost its sound instincts. It's all convulsive, false, and a public danger because it obstructs National Socialism."

"Perhaps I shall not be able to avoid an alliance with Russia. I shall keep that as a trump card. Perhaps it will be the decisive gamble of my life. But it must not be made the subject of hole-and-corner literary gossip, nor played too soon."

"But it will never stop me from as firmly retracing my steps, and attacking Russia when my aims in the west have been achieved. It is naive to believe that our rise will always move along a straight line. We shall change our fronts from time to time—and not the military ones alone."

"But for the time being we may retain the doctrine that Bolshevism is our deadly enemy. We shall endeavour to go on from the point at which our armies in the last war left off when the armistice was signed."

"It is still our task to shatter for all time the menacing hordes of the pan-Slav empire. Under the shadow of this supreme power, Germany would not be able to rise. Let us not forget that the Slav East is more fertile than all the rest of Europe. We must meet this danger, which

## LET'S ALL LOVE THE FUEHRER

Berlin, To-day.

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, in a Christmas message broadcast from on board a destroyer to Germans throughout the world, referred to the love of the German nation for the Fuehrer, whom he described as "the first soldier of Germany."

Herr Hess continued: "The more we surround him with our love the greater is the hatred of others towards us, for they know our love for our leader is the strength of the nation."

Herr Hess attributed the cause of the war to "envy of the industrious Germans."

The Allies' war aims, he said, were the destruction of the German race.

### GERMAN KULTUR

General von Brauchitsch, the German commander-in-chief, addressing soldiers in the Siegfried Line, also asserted that the British and French war aims were to destroy, dismember and annihilate the German nation and culture.

He said: "We are especially united to-day in thinking of the Fuehrer, who is also spending this evening at the front among his soldiers."

"We greet him as the supreme commander, the first soldier and creator of greater Germany."—Reuter.

## WILL NOT FIGHT FOR HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

A body of 103 Austrian-born soldiers have crossed into Holland near Nijmegen.

They stated they did not want to fight for Hitler. — Havas.

## HELP FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Ex-President Herbert Hoover has sent a cheque for U.S.\$100,000 to Finland. — Havas.

threatens to engulf all Europe.

We cannot in any way evade the final battle between German race ideals and pan-Slav mass ideals. Here yawns the eternal abyss which no mutual political interest can bridge.

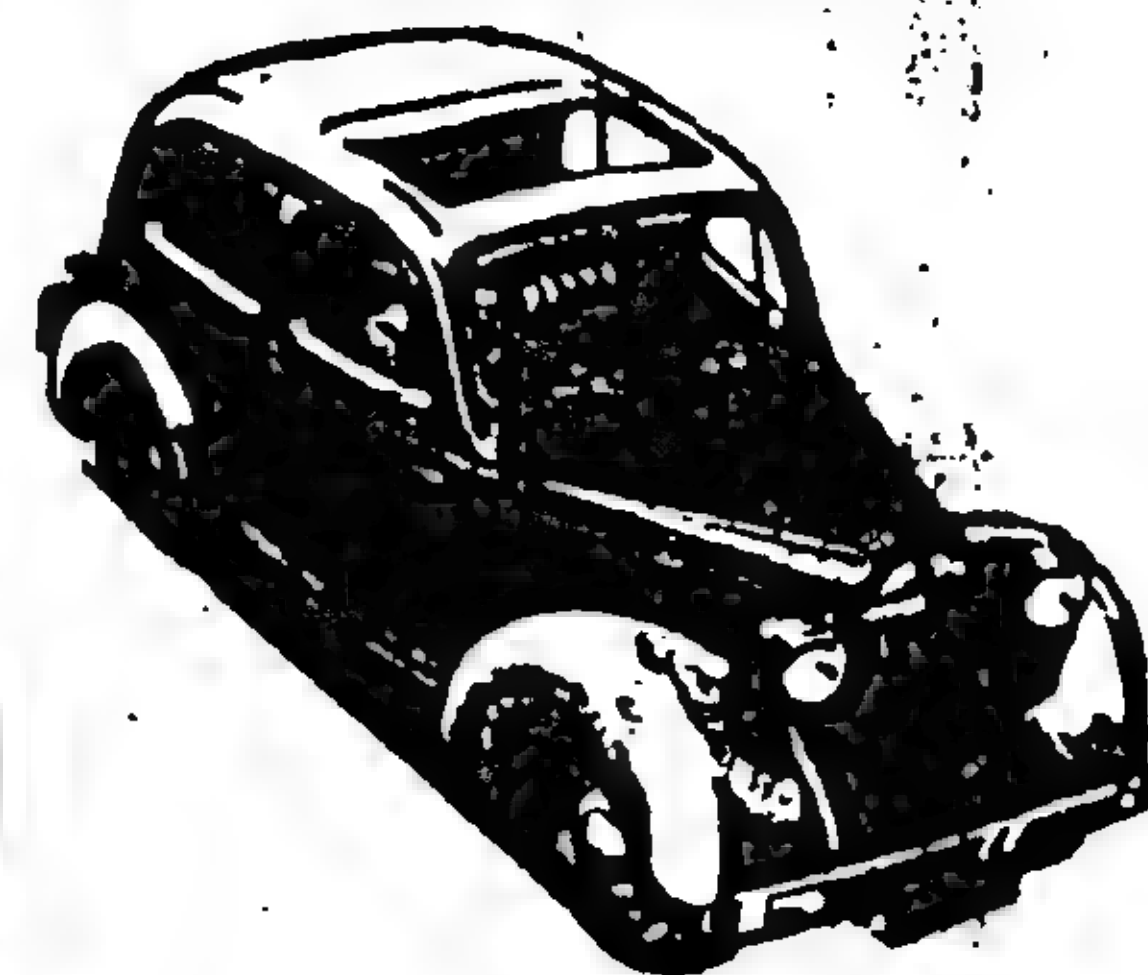
We must win the victory of German race-consciousness over the masses eternally fated to serve and obey. We alone can conquer the great continental space, and it will be done by us singly and alone, not through a pact with Moscow. We shall take this struggle upon us. It will open to us the door to permanent mastery of the world. That does not mean that I will refuse to walk part of the road together with the Russians, if that will help us. But it will be only in order to return the more swiftly to our true aims."

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(To-morrow: On the Jews and Freemasons)

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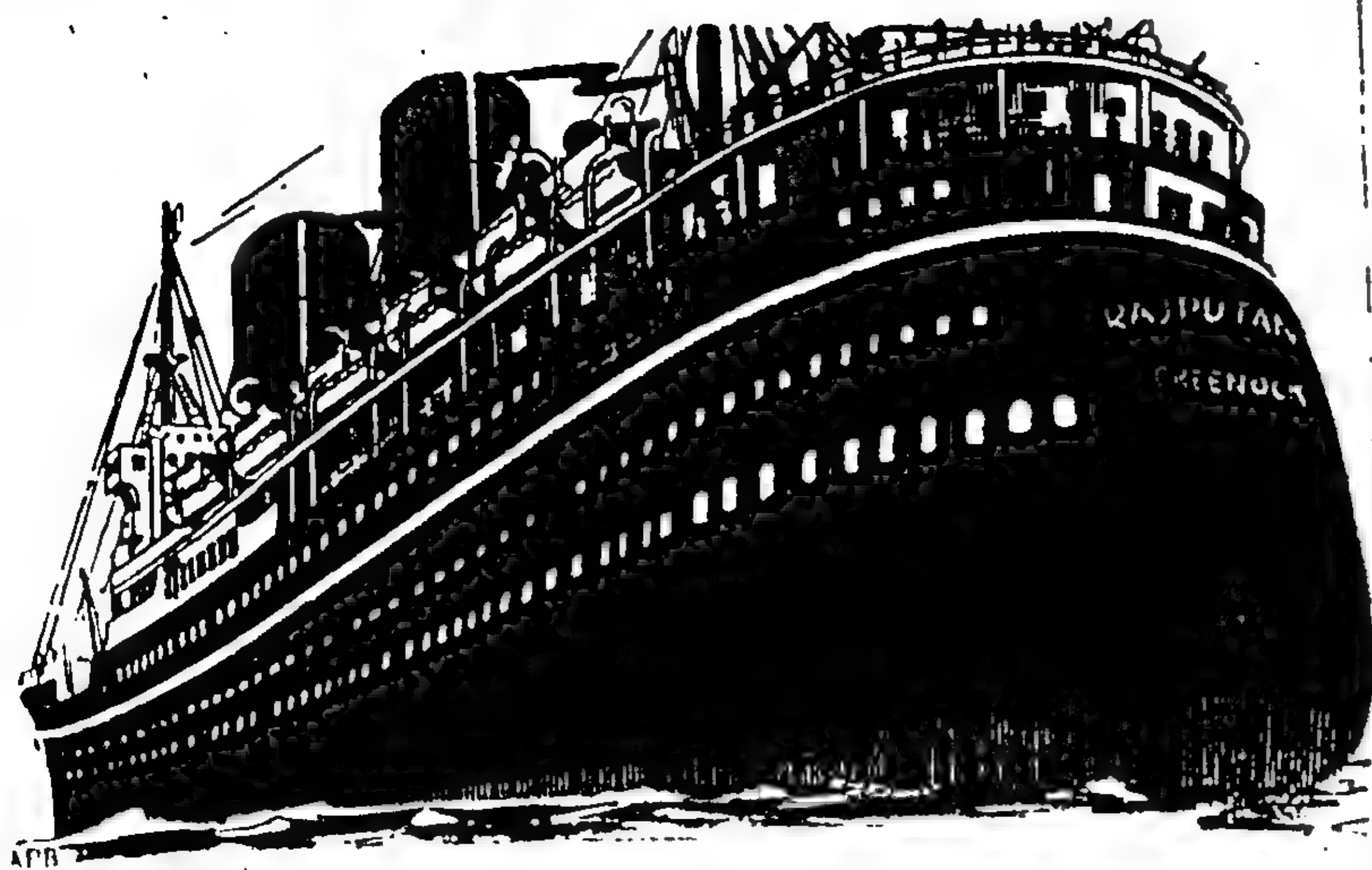
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Sheungwan Branch Post Office ..... 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sunday and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.  
The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

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Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries.  
Hong Kong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.  
Envelopes must not be closed.

### INWARD MAILS

Calcutta and Straits .....	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai .....	December 26.
Manila .....	December 26.
Manila .....	December 26.
Straits .....	December 26.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 20th December. ....	December 27.
Haiphong .....	December 27.
Japan and Shanghai .....	December 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th December. ....	December 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December). ....	December 28.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
	TUESDAY	
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin.		Dec. 26, Noon.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua Rabaul and Tulagi		Dec. 26, Noon.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 3rd January.	Reg.,	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Ord.,	Dec. 26, Noon.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Reg.,	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Ord.,	Dec. 26, 5.00 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Dec. 26, Noon.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Aus- tralia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st January.	Reg.,	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Ord.,	Dec. 26, Noon.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Reg.,	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Ord.,	Dec. 26, 5.00 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY	
Swatow and Shanghai		Dec. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels,	Dec. 27, 11.00 a.m.
	Letters,	Dec. 27, Noon.
		Dec. 27, 1.00 p.m.
Haiphong		K.P.O.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 8th January.	Parcels,	Dec. 27, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Dec. 27, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 27, 4.00 p.m.
	Parcels,	Dec. 27, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Dec. 27, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 27, 7.00 p.m.

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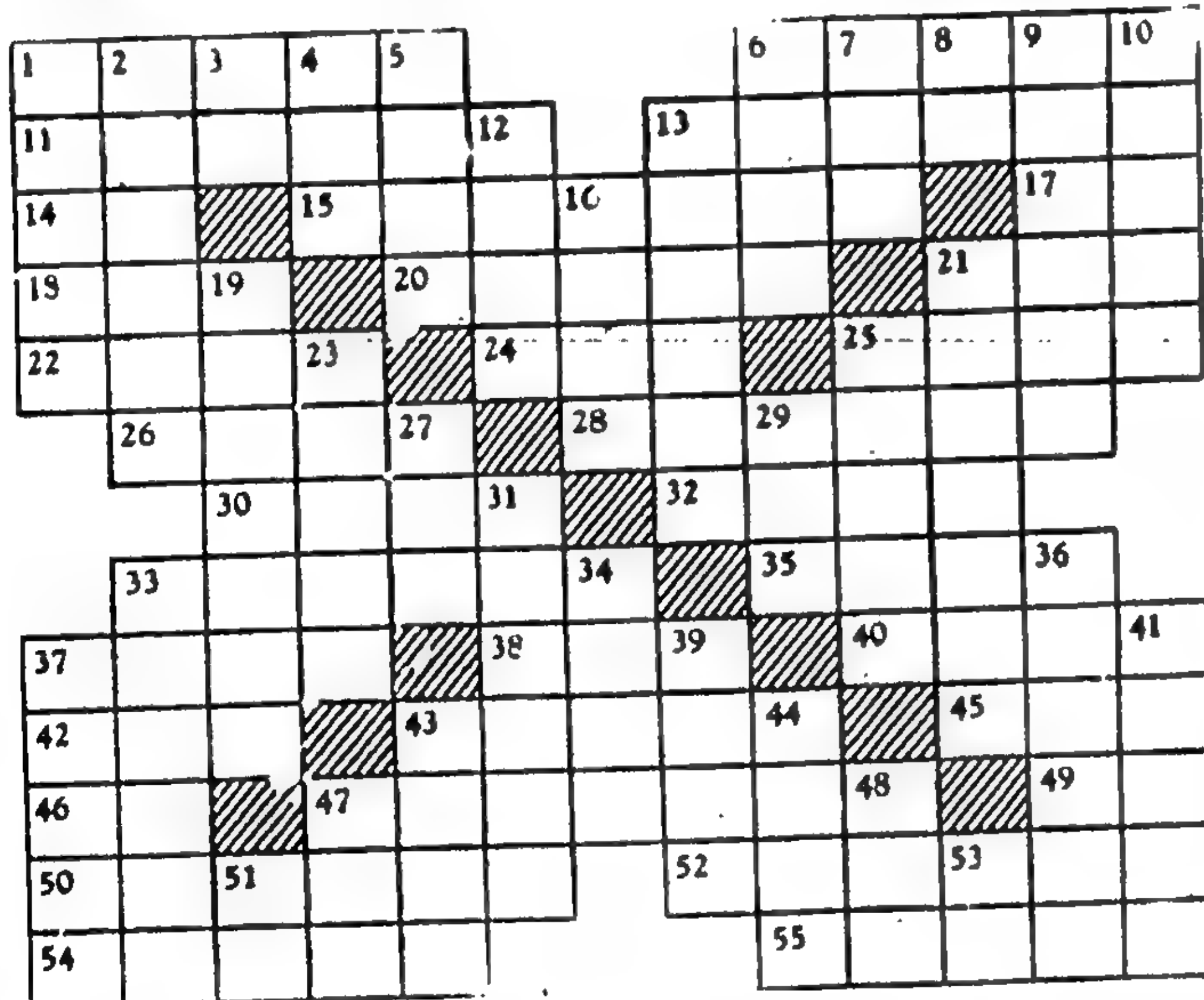
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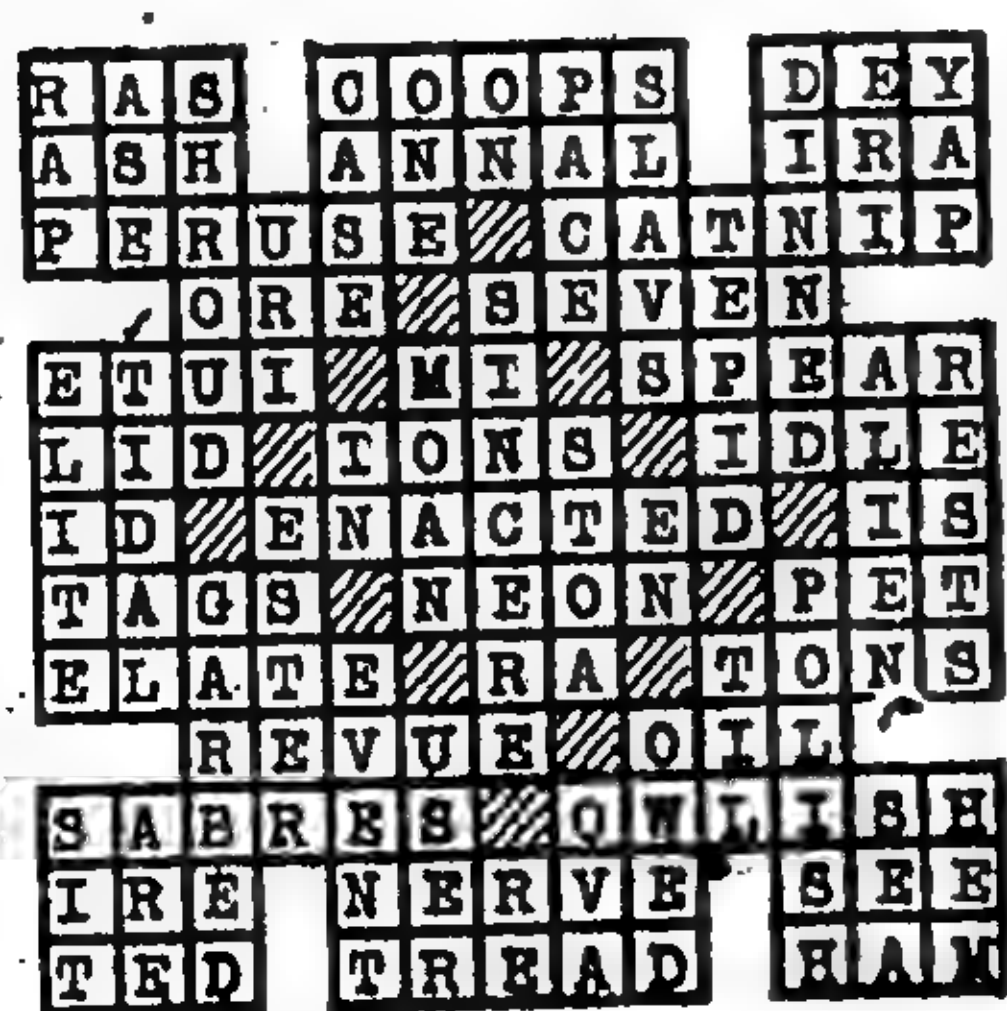
- 1 Public square
- 6 Scurrility
- 11 Unrevealed
- 13 Notched
- 14 Sacred Hindu word
- 15 Manages
- 17 Chinese measure
- 18 To spread
- 20 Admires
- 21 To gamble
- 22 To cut
- 24 Enclosure
- 25 Provides crew
- 26 Having tang
- 28 Legislative body
- 30 Outbreak
- 32 Forwarded
- 33 Colours
- 35 Undulating tract
- 37 Statue
- 38 Unruly crowd
- 40 Heavy marsh grass
- 42 Craft
- 43 To run over
- 45 Scottish: so

- 46 French article
- 47 Airship
- 49 Musical syllable
- 50 Household
- 52 Shaped
- 54 Loud breath
- 55 Rips

- #### VERTICAL
- 1 Conspiracies
  - 2 To mourn
  - 3 Preposition
  - 4 British: Z
  - 5 Dye
  - 6 Performances
  - 7 Bovine genus

- 8 Chaldean city
- 9 Moon goddess
- 10 Redacts
- 12 Stumble
- 13 Parts of play
- 16 Pieces
- 19 One who keeps journal
- 21 Conflicts
- 23 Impression
- 25 Estate
- 27 Colloquial: to dress
- 29 Modern
- 31 Stately edifice
- 33 Table dish
- 34 Earth
- 36 More costly
- 37 Aromatic shrubs
- 39 Speck
- 41 Feats
- 43 Learned
- 44 Plunder
- 47 To prevent
- 48 French: Noah
- 51 Japanese drama
- 53 Note of scale

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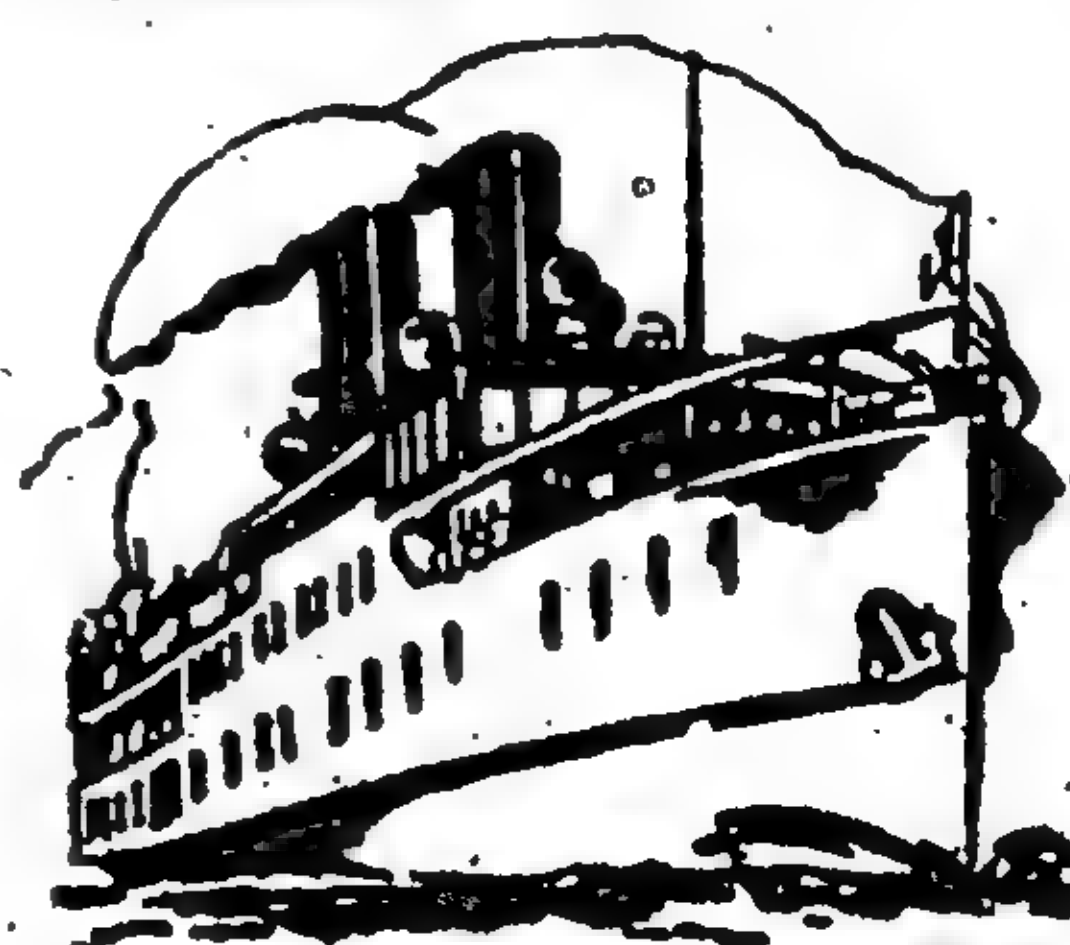
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football tie in the "Sunday Herald"  
Charity competition between Scotland  
and England on Club ground at 3.30  
p.m.

Whereas several newcomers will be seen  
in the English team, the Scottish team has  
been well chosen and is composed of players  
well known in football circles.  
Gardner, who plays in Third Division, and  
Pryde, a schoolboy, who will lead the Scot-  
tish attack, are the most noteworthy selec-  
tions in the two teams.

Teams:—

ENGLAND:—Robinson (Navy); Roughley  
(Navy) and Hendy (Navy); Layle (Navy).  
Bright (Middlesex) (Capt.) and Wilkinson  
(Middlesex); Gardner (H.K.E.), Thorburn  
(Navy), Fowler (Club), Saw (Middle-  
sex) and Thomas (Middlesex).  
Reserves:—E. Strange (Club), Brett  
(Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.) and Freshwater  
(Middlesex).

SCOTLAND:—Duncan (Scots); A. Bone  
(Club) and Blackburn (Police) (Captain);  
McEwen (Club), Williamson (Kowloon) and  
Clarke (Scots); Munro (Scots), Pryde  
(Club), Hossack (Scots), Ferrier (Police)  
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gineers) and Gibb (Scots).

# SELECTIONS FOR KWANTI

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RACE NO. 6

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2.15 p.m.

# M. LEBRUN'S PARTY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Lebrun gave his traditional  
Xmas Tree Party for 200 Parisian pri-  
mary school children in the Elysee  
Palace.—Havas.

# CHRISTMAS DAY SOCCER IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The following were the results of  
matches played yesterday:

GLASGOW CUP (FINAL)		
Rangers	3	Queen's Park 1
SOUTH "A"		
Arsenal	3	Clapton C. 0
Millwall	5	Tottenham 1
Southend	0	Charlton 2
Watford	5	Crystal P. 1
West Ham	4	Norwich 1
NORTH-EAST		
Halifax	2	Bradford 3
SOUTH-WEST		
Bristol R.	3	Swindon Town 4
Newport C.	1	Bristol C. 1
SOUTH "B"		
Brentford	4	Portsmouth 0
Brighton	1	Bournemouth 3
Fulham	3	Queen's P.R. 8
Reading	7	Aldershot 2
Southampton	5	Chelsea 3
OTHER MATCHES		
Accrington	2	Preston 3
Bath	1	Cardiff 3
Blackburn	5	Doncaster 0
Blackpool	3	Preston 2
Bolton	3	Stoke 0
Bradford	1	Huddersfield 4
Burnley	2	Barnsley 3
Bury	4	Leeds 1
Carlisle	1	Queen O's 3
Chester	1	Birmingham 1
Crewe	3	Rochdale 2
Darlington	1	Middlesboro 5
Everton	3	Liverpool 2
Grimsby	1	Hull 5
Luton	4	Chelsea 2
Manchester C.	1	Manchester U. 1
Mansfield	2	Lincoln 2
Newcastle	1	Gateshead 1
Notts. C.	1	Coventry 1
Port Vale	1	Northampton 1
Sheffield U.	2	Wednesday 1
Southport	2	New Brighton 0
Stockport	5	Oldham 1
Chesterfield	1	Rotherham 1

—Reuter.

# T.T. CRICKET TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

Match between Hong Kong Cricket  
Club and Army which starts at 11 a.m.  
to-day is described as being in the  
Triangular Cricket Tournament. Whe-  
ther or not there will be a third angle  
to the triangle, I have not been able to  
ascertain.

In view of the fact that Navy have had  
to cancel their fixture to-day with Kowloon  
Cricket Club, I don't see how they can with  
consistency, turn out a team against Club.

Nevertheless to-day's T.T. match will be  
played according to schedule and should be  
as keen and as interesting as these matches  
always are.

As customary Club are calling on mem-  
bers who normally play for other teams,  
and will have out the strongest side possible.  
This will include J. E. Richardson, A. E.  
Perry, D. McLellan, T. V. N. Fortescue  
(C.S.C.C.) and B. C. Fay (Police).  
With batting right through and an attack  
comprising T. A. and J. L. C. Pearce, A. E.  
Perry, D. McLellan, B. C. Fay and J. E.  
Richardson, they are particularly well-  
balanced.

Army have also nominated a good side  
and an excellent day's cricket will probably  
end in a draw.

Following are the teams:—  
CLUB—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. T. Ride,  
J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, D. McLellan,  
R. D. Gillespie, J. L. C. Pearce, T. V. N.  
Fortescue, D. I. Bosanquet, B. C. Fay, L. D.  
Kilbee.

ARMY—Capt. C. E. Godby (Captain);  
Major W. G. Harvey, Major J. E. Swyer,  
Capt. J. F. Lawrence; Capt. D. C. E. Grose,  
Capt. A. B. Whatman, Cpl. Webb, Sgt. Den-  
yer, Cpl. Murphy, Spr. Rattcliffe, Dvr.  
Logan.

Two intra-club games will be played to-  
day in addition to the T.T. match at Hong  
Kong Cricket Club.

At Cox's Road K.C.C. members will fore-  
gather over a special "Christmas lunch,"  
while at the Valley Married members of  
Craigengower Cricket Club will meet the  
single men.

# BELGIAN COMMUNIQUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

A Foreign Ministry communique  
states that no foreign warship has en-  
tered any Belgian harbour since the  
war began. Danish and French mine-  
sweepers had entered Antwerp.—  
Havas.



## STALIN MESSAGE TO CHIANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

STALIN HAS WIRED CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO THANK HIM FOR HIS CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY.

The wire states:—

"To the head of the Chinese State and the Chinese National Army:  
"Thanking you for congratulations. I wish you full victory over China's foes."

Stalin has also wired his thanks to Hitler and Ribbentrop. In his telegram to Ribbentrop, Stalin said that the friendship of the German and Soviet peoples is cemented by blood. There is every reason to believe it will be a lasting one.

Stalin said:—

"I wish to the Finnish people and to the Finnish Popular Government a speedy victory over the oppressors of the Finnish people and over the Mannerheim clique!" — Havas.

## SOVIET ELECTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

Tass announces that the elections to the Soviets of workers and deputies took place on December 24 in all villages and towns in territories throughout the U.S.S.R., including in trains and steamers from the Behling Sea to the Baltic, from the Arctic Ocean to Turkistan.

"The labourers of all Soviet republics proposed the candidature of Stalin, Molotov, Vorishilov and other leaders.

"The polling took place amid general enthusiasm.

"In Moscow, Kiev and other capitals of the Soviet republics, 100 per cent of the voters participated." — Havas.

## BUILT FIRST SUBMARINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
CANNES, TO-DAY.

M. Grance, constructor of the first true submersible vessel, the Alfred Maxime Laubeuf, has died at the age of 72.

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## RED-GERMAN RAILWAY AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

As a result of lengthy parleys, Germany and Soviet Russia have concluded an agreement to open railway traffic between the Reich and the U.S.S.R. at eight points along their common frontier, including Augustovo, Brest Litovsk, Vimiatz, Rawa-ruska and Przemyśl.

Further, Russia agrees to maintain the international gauge for three years on the line linking Rumania and Germany via Lvov.

It is understood that a certain quantity of oil and cereals have already been transported from Russia to Germany along the routes now officially opened.—Havas.

## PRIZE CREW CHEERED BY AMERICANS

BALBOA, TO-DAY.

Large crowds of spectators lined the Panama Canal yesterday to watch the transit of the captured German liner, Dusseuldorf, which was the first war prize ever to go through the Canal with a prize crew on board.

The vessel was flying the British naval ensign astern above the Swastika flag and the decks were patrolled by British bluejackets with fixed bayonets.

Many of the onlookers cheered the British bluejackets enthusiastically.

Special precautions were taken by the American authorities in view of a rumour that the Germans might try to run the ship aground in a narrow section of the canal.

This is believed to be the reason why a tug preceded the Dusseuldorf the whole way and towed the vessel

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A Portuguese Account of East Asia in 1514, by J. M. Braga

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12.50 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with the Orchestra Mascotte.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.  
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.00 p.m.—An Instrumental Concert with The Walter String Players and Lionel Tertis (Viola).  
6.32 p.m.—Folk Music.  
Scandinavian Dances.  
Shoemaker, Hornblow.  
Norwegian Mazurka, Mangling.

# To-day's Wireless

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Mallebrok; Lot Is Dead.  
Varsoviene; Feder Mikkel.  
Folk Dance Orchestra cond. by Victor Olof.  
6.45 p.m.—Compositions Of Schubert.  
Moment Musicale In F Minor.  
Impromptu In B Flat, Op. 142, No. 5.  
Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).  
Laughing and Weeping (Op. 59, No. 1); My Love Is Green (Op. 63).  
The Trout (Op. 32).  
Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.  
Symphony No. 8 In B Minor ("Un-

finished").  
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.  
Impromptu In E Flat Major, Op. 90, No. 2.  
Andante In A.  
Eileen Joyce (Piano).  
Serenade (Schubert).  
De Groot (Violin), Gibrilero (Piano) and Samchitini (Cello).  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music and Variety.  
Fox-Trots—  
Our Love.  
You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By.  
Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.  
Vocal—  
All Because Of You (Starr and Others).  
Let's Go Ballyhoo (Starr and Others).  
Browning and Starr with Piano.  
Rumba—  
Tendre Bolero.  
Lecuona Cuban Boys.  
Vocal—  
Medley.  
Intro: You're here, you're there  
Oh, they're tough, mighty  
tough in the West; Sally; Sing  
as we go; Un peu d'Amour;  
Can you hear me Mother.  
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Vocal—  
Me and The Old Folks at Home  
(Leon and Others).  
Jump On The Wagon (Connor).  
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Tangos—  
I Dream Of The Puszta.  
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Do You See The Stars?  
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Comedienne—  
At The Court Of Good Queen Bess.  
Darts, With Gert And Daisy (E. and D. Waters).  
Elsie and Doris Waters.  
Two Pianos—  
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 18.  
Intro: And the angels sing; What goes up must come down; What shall I say?; Don't worry about me; Our love; You grow sweeter as the years go by.

Dance Music  
And Variety  
Programme

Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye with string bass and drums.  
Vocal—  
Kiss Me Goodnight (Greer, Green).  
A Little Dash Of Dublin (from 'Peg of Old Drury').  
Anna Neagle with Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—  
There's Something Wrong With The Weather.  
You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By.  
The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.  
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table."  
9.45 p.m.—Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Op. 46.  
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.  
10.00 p.m.—Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).  
O Gathering Clouds (arr. Bain).  
Love's Secret (Blake-Bantock).  
With Piano accomp. by Edwin Schnelder.  
Ever In My Mind (Taylor-Russell).  
With piano accomp. by Percy Kahn.  
10.10 p.m.—De Groot and His Orch.  
Erstes Waltzer—Potpourri (Robert).  
Other Days (Selection of Popular Melodies—arr. Finck).  
10.25 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—  
Tears On My Pillow.  
My First Goodnight.  
Harry Leader and His Band.  
Waltz—  
Easy Street.  
Quickstep—  
Fall In And Fly (Official R.A.F. Recruiting Song).  
Billy Cotton and His Band.  
Fox-Trots—  
The Blackpool Walk.  
The Girl In The Upstairs Flat.  
Felix Rendelsohn and His Orch.  
Quickstep—  
Could Be.  
Slow Fox-Trot—  
Hurry Home.  
Mantovani and His Orchestra.  
Rumbas—  
Moon Of Monte Carlo.  
Rumba Colora.  
Lecuona Cuban Boys.  
Fox-Trot—  
Let's Stop The Clock.  
Gerald and His Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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While the North player was theoretically blameless for what happened to him and South in to-day's hand, actually he took full blame, saying, "I should have known that the idiot I was playing with would automatically have bid three hearts if I bid two spades, and hence should not have bid at all."

However, his bidding was terrible. In the first place he should not have bid two hearts over the opening no-trump, and in the second place, when his partner bid two spades, South should definitely have passed then and there.

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner. Your side was vulnerable and you held:

North, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
♠ A Q 10 8 6  
♥ —  
♦ Q 8 6 5  
♣ J 10 8 3  
♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ 10 7 3 2  
♣ Q 9  
N  
W  
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S  
♠ K J 4  
♥ A Q 10 2  
♦ J 4  
♣ A K 7 3  
♠ 5  
♥ K J 6 5 4 3  
♦ A K 9  
♣ 6 5 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass 1NT 2♥ Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass  
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of Clubs and continued the suit, East cashing the Ace and King and leading the fourth.

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KING 2  
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JACK 1

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South ruffed with the Jack of hearts, played a spade to dummy's Ace, ruffed a spade. For his third trick, led a diamond to dummy's Queen, trumped another spade for his fifth trick, laid down the Ace of diamonds for the sixth, and later on made the King of hearts, so he was set but two tricks.

♠ —  
♥ A K Q 10 9 8 2  
♦ 9  
♣ A K 6 5 2

The bidding:

You Burnstone Maier Schenken  
2♥ 2♠ Pass 3♦  
4♣ 4♠ Dbl. Pass  
(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five hearts. While normally you do not take out your partner's business doubles, in this case your hand is a tremendous freak and you expect to make five hearts.  
Score 100% for five hearts, 80% for six hearts (optimistic), 20% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 282

With neither side vulnerable, you are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

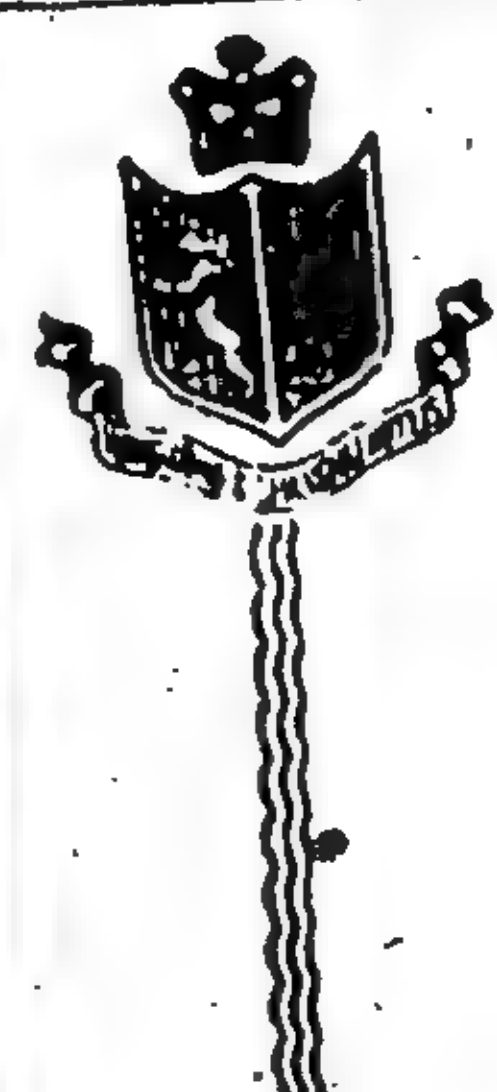
♠ A J 6 3  
♥ 10 8  
♦ K 10 9 4  
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

Burnstone You Jacoby Schenken  
Pass Pass 10  
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

# Gallant Portugal Unfortunate Lose To China By Odd Goal In Three

## A.V. Gosano A Pillar Of The Defence

(By "REFEREE")

CONTRARY TO expectations, Portugal put up a much better fight than anticipated and were decidedly unfortunate in losing to China by the odd goal in three in their semi-final tie of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Football Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday.

On yesterday's play Portugal was by far the better team and had several opportunities of scoring particularly in the second period when their forwards were playing good football and had the Chinese defence on tenterhooks.

How much the Chinese missed the scheming of Fung King Cheong and the shooting of Lee Wai-tong cannot be accurately ascertained but without these two players in the attack China seldom looked like a winning team.

A. V. Gosano in the pivotal position was like a concrete pillar to the Chinese forwards and they could make no headway on their path to goal through the centre for he was everywhere, tackling with uncanny accuracy and lightning speed. A. V. Gosano concentrated on the defence and was satisfied to play his forwards with swinging passes.

Behind him D. Alves and C. Marques surprised everybody with their performances. It can be safely stated that these two played their best games yesterday. Alves kicked cleanly and headed well, while Marques was prominent with his interceptions and hard kicking.

Delgado and Fernandes the wing halves rendered yeoman service as far as stopping their wingers was concerned but neither was of much use in feeding their forwards as both were too inclined to hang on the wingers.

For a forward-line which has not played together this season the Portuguese attack did surprisingly well and were unfortunate in not scoring. Alves and Pereira formed a dangerous left wing combine, the latter giving a good display.

B. Gosano, as the leader, still showed that he has lost little of his old skill revealing good ball control and a hard drive.

Castilho, on the right wing, against Hsu King-seng, recognised as the best wing half in the Colony also shone and in the second half had worked up a good understanding with Santos who was a troublesome forward with his footwork.



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The quick tackling of the Portuguese defence did not permit the Chinese forwards to settle to their usual stylish play and as a consequence the forwards were not so dangerous. Yeung Shui-yick was well held by Delgado while Cheuk Shek-kam could not shake the attentions of the rugged Fernandes. With the centre well blocked by Gosano, the forwards had little chances of displaying their inter-passing.

The Chinese intermediate line were kept fully occupied with the passing of the Portuguese forwards who kept them continually on the move. Leung Wing-chui at centre half watched B. Gosano well but was drawn out of position often by Pereira and Santos.

Neither of the Chinese backs seemed confident in their clearances and tackling though Lee Ting-sang was the safer of the two.

The Chinese started attacking and Marques was called upon early and for a period it seemed that it would not be long before the Chinese scored. T. Castilho failed to score when well placed and Gosano shot wide shortly after. The Chinese scored midway through the first half through Chan Tak-fai from close in.

In the second period the Portuguese team had most of the play and after several vain attempts Santos headed in from a shot by Gosano which hit the cross bar. Heartened by this success Portugal put on additional pressure and had three golden opportunities to press home their advantage. Santos broke through and with only Tam Kam-kwon to beat hit the upright and a few minutes later B. Gosano sent in a terrific drive which Tam tipped over the bar for a corner. Santos again missed a good chance shortly after.

The winning goal came from Chan Tak-fai who worked his way to the right to beat Marques with a cross shot.

Though beaten Portugal were by no means disgraced, never this season has a Combined Chinese team been made to look so poor and for the greater part of the match Portugal was definitely on top and only lack of practice and training defeated them.

To A. V. Gosano and his game team—and of course the Chinese team—Charity has benefited to the extent of another \$2,600.

Portugal:—R. Marques; C. Marques and D. Alves, Fernandes, A. V. Gosano, and N. Delgado; T. Castilho, Santos, A. B. Gosano, Pereira and T. Alves.

China:—Tam Kwan-kom; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Ting-sang; Lau Hing-choy Leung Wing-chui and Hsu King-seng; Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Chan Tak-fai, Chwo Man-chi and Cheuk Shek-kam.

**OTHER SPORT  
ON PAGE 14**

## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

MAINLY due to the time of the year and the festiveness of the occasion the football served up over the week-end was not of a very high standard.

Best show was that of the Royal Scots who defeated the Police by three goals to two after a most exciting game. A missed penalty soon after the start did not do the morale of the Royals much good and until after the interval they played very poorly. When the Police, however, had got two goals in the lead, Hos-sack who had been pegging away steadily all the afternoon trying to get through, at last managed to do so and this goal brought about an amazing revival in the Scots side and from then until the end of the game there was only one team in it.

Their feat was all the more meritorious as they had Falconer injured in the first half and he was a complete passenger for the rest of the game at outside left, hardly being able to kick a ball. If the Scots can in future get the same will into their play as they did in the second period of this game, they will win many more matches.

Fleming the Scots inside left is reaching the peak of his form at the present moment but is still some-

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Owing to pressure on space  
Softball notes by "Grandstand"  
have been held over until to-  
morrow.

## SMITH'S IRON SHOT

### GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

The rigours of a long and arduous exhibition campaign throughout the United States plus the burden of competitive play, threatened for a while to upset the fine temper of Horton Smith's golf, but, judging from late reports, he will be all set for another winter campaign. Smith's height often leads one to think that his backswing arc is not as wide as many other golfers. As a matter of fact it is but because of his long arms the clubhead is not taken back as far as is the case of many other players. Yet the arc is perhaps as wide or wider. This is exemplified particularly well in the above iron play.

With the ball midway between his two feet, Smith pushes the club back with his left arm in the orthodox fashion, transferring his weight to the right foot as the club goes back. At the top of the stroke however, the club is only about three quarters of the way around, the right arm in close to the side. This keeps the clubhead on an inside out arc on the downstroke, the head remaining stationary as the arms and shoulders swing the club beneath it.

Wednesday.—Revealing Errors.



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what inclined to hang on to the ball too long. He played a grand game on Saturday and the way in which he went back to retrieve the ball for himself and bring it back up to his forwards with skilful footwork was a joy to watch.

WAS rather surprised that 30th Battery went down to South China. I regard 30th Battery as just the sort of side that would upset the Chinese and their defeat was rather a blow to my hopes. Guy apparently did not do so well at centre half in this game, but it is to be hoped that his loss of form is only a temporary one. I am pleased to see that Flanders is fit again and playing well. On his best form he has a good

## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "8QUADDY")

(Continued from Page 17)

chance of Army honours this year especially if he makes good at outside left, which will be the most open position in the side.

The Royal Scots' Third Division side received a big shock when they met and were defeated by R.A.S.C., who have been playing very poorly in recent games. The result was a fair one and I can only put it down to the Royals underestimating the strength of their opponents.

Chief weakness in the Service Corps side is on the wings but their inside forwards must always be watched carefully. Crawford the little outside right of the Scots must be one of the steadiest players in local junior football. I have never seen him play a really bad game and although he is somewhat short of height and speed he makes up for the absence of these by his natural Scottish craftiness which always seems to

get him through successfully! Another player who is coming along nicely in the Scots' side is Hunter, the centre forward, who is getting quite a few goals these days.

THE fighting spirit of the Kumaons again came out this week-end when they defeated the up and rising Engineer side by six goals to three after being down at the interval. The Indians have done this trick several times this season, the last occasion being against South China, when they fought back to force a draw. This type of win does them a lot of good as it stops them from imagining that the first couple of goals necessarily win the game.

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Two men were shot dead and one seriously wounded early yesterday morning in the west part of the city.

The men emerged from a cabaret at about 3 a.m. when the shooting occurred.

One was killed on the spot; the second died on the way to hospital and the third was conveyed to the Japanese Foo Min Hospital in Hongkew where he is said to be in a critical condition.

### WANG ADHERENTS

Chinese reports state that the men were closely connected with Wang Ching-wei, expelled Kuomintang leader. One of them, it was alleged, was formerly a commander of a guerilla unit, while the other two were a member of Wang's "police force" and a merchant.

The assassins escaped in a car and no arrests have yet been made.

Another assassination occurred last night when guests, attending a dinner at the opening of a Chinese Dispensary, were shot at as they left. One was killed and another wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

### EXTRA-SETTLEMENT AREA

Shanghai, To-day.  
An assassination marked Christmas Day in Shanghai, two supporters of Wang Ching-wei being shot near his residence in the western extra-settlement area.

One of them, Shen Ming-chu, was killed, and the other, Ho Hang-ken, was seriously wounded and is not expected to recover.

The assassins are believed to have been anti-Japanese terrorists. — Reuter.

## BOMBING OF FRENCH TERRITORY

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.  
It is now confirmed that 15 bombs were dropped in French territory on December 21 by Japanese planes. The bombs were dropped near Chekan, a short distance from Kwang Chow Wan.

It is also learned that the French authorities have already protested to Tokyo.

Japanese planes are continuing to fly over French territory, but no bombs were again dropped. — Our Own Correspondent.

## JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITY

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.  
Throughout Christmas Day, Japanese planes flew over Pakhoi into the interior towards Limchowfu. The machines came from the direction of Walchow Island and Holhow. No reports of any bombing in the interior have yet arrived.

On Sunday morning, a landing was attempted along the coast near Pakhol. This was, however, repulsed by the coastal guards.

The situation around Nanning is unchanged, but fighting continues. — Our Own Correspondent.

### MOSCICKI ILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.  
M. Ignace Moscicki, the former Polish President, is lying seriously ill in the Craiova internment camp. His condition is despaired of, owing to the extremely rigorous winter. — Havas.

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## CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES

PARIS, TO-DAY.  
MILITARY OBSERVERS STATE THAT IN THE LAST 24 HOURS THE WESTERN FRONT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY QUIET.

The Germans attempted several raids but they lacked punch and were easily repulsed.

There have been no important aerial engagements but the French made 26 successful reconnaissance flights. — Reuter.

### CHEERY XMAS

Paris, To-day.  
Christmas Day was completely quiet on the Western Front, action being limited to small patrols. The troops generally spent a cheery Christmas.

Hitler continued his tour of the Siegfried Line posts. — Reuter.

## SULLIED GERMAN HONOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.  
The Koenigsberg Special Court sentenced to ten years' imprisonment Martha Sattler, a German peasant-woman, who was found guilty of maintaining sexual relations with a Polish war-prisoner.

In its judgment, the Court said: "It should not be forgotten that war-prisoners remain enemies."

"By her delinquent actions, Martha Sattler has sullied the honour of German women and girls." — Havas.

## ONLY A MATTER OF ROUTINE

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
AN AIR MINISTRY OFFICIAL STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE FLIGHT OVER HELIGOLAND MENTIONED IN A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE WAS MERELY A ROUTINE PATROL OVER THE AREA.

The British aircraft were not engaged and all the machines returned safely.

It is added: "We do not issue bulletins regarding such flights, which are regarded merely as a matter of routine." — Reuter.

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## FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.  
"We are fighting for the salvation of our country and yet we are sparing the blood of our soldiers. To this date, we have only small losses to deplore," stated M. Daladier in a nation-wide broadcast on Christmas Eve.

"We are fighting for the safety and freedom of the homes where you will find yourselves in future happy and assured."

M. Daladier then appealed to Frenchmen to think of the material and moral benefits they had saved while a million Europeans know only misery and servitude.

"Think of the despair of the women and children of Prague, think of the desolation of the women and children among the ruins of Warsaw, think of the heroic people of Finland seeking a poor refuge in long treks across the snow and ice."

"Let us remain steadfast in our resolution to fight for liberty, independence and the universal right to live free and happy." — Havas.

## CONTROL OF CHINA SEAS

TOKYO, TO-DAY.  
THE JAPANESE NAVY IS PLACING CHINESE WATERS UNDER FOUR CONTROL ZONES, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NAVY SECTION OF IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS.

Admiral Oikawa is assuming supreme command of the China area.

The communique adds that the entire Chinese coast, extending 2,850 miles, is now blockaded against enemy ships, while the Yangtse River, from the mouth up to Yochow, is fully under the control of the Japanese Navy.

The ports blocked to navigation include Wenchow, Foochow and Swatow.

Islands occupied by the Japanese include Hainan and Swatow. — Reuter.

### PRES. ROOSEVELT'S INTENTION

Washington, To-day.  
It was intimated in official quarters yesterday, while President Roosevelt was at Hyde Park spending Christmas with his grandchildren, that the President will make no statement on his "third term" intentions until the National Democratic Convention, which has been fixed for early in August next year. — Reuter.

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